

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Water Supply  
Problems

HONGKONG'S annual water shortage automatically poses two problems for the Authorities. Firstly, how many hours' supply a day can be afforded; secondly, over what period or periods of the day should the ration be made available?

The answer to the first problem is fairly easy, being governed by existing water storage plus conservation requirements. At the moment the Water Authority has decided that he can afford to provide a seven-hour daily supply, but it would be foolish for the public to believe that this ration can be maintained throughout the dry season which has now started.

Possibility of any substantial rainfall between now and next April can virtually be ruled out and the public must again brace themselves for a reduction in water supply to four or even three hours daily.

More complicated is the second problem—hours of distribution. Many considerations are involved, the basic of which is ensuring the greatest good for the greatest number. But this principle is not easily satisfied.

IF the authorities concerned could merely turn on the supply and guarantee a full abundance of water through all taps, there would be no problem. But the nigger in the woodpile is the phenomenal demand for supply in relation to the facilities for conveying water to every household, which seriously interferes with pressure.

It is the experts' contention that to turn on a supply of water simultaneously for the whole Colony involves a lapse of at least two hours before sufficient pressure has been established to get water running through every tap. It is this fact, officials claim, which justifies the current decision to give a straight seven hours' supply in every 24 hours.

UNDOUBTEDLY Government has given a great deal of thought to the question of how the present water ration should be made available, and has come to the considered opinion that a straight seven hours best serves the interests of the whole community. Nevertheless there are flaws in the argument that by making water available for seven hours, it ensures full pressure and enables everybody to obtain sufficient supplies for storage purposes.

One flaw is that hundreds of thousands of people do not even possess suitable storage facilities and they cannot, therefore, lay by enough water to cover their domestic needs for 17 hours. For these people availability of water twice a day, even if they cannot obtain full pressure, would be more advantageous. And from the point of view of the community's convenience we are not all sure Government is right in maintaining that this is better protected by the current availability than by two periods of supply a day.

Judged purely from the inconvenience aspect, those residents who have storage facilities such as baths, are far better off during the 17 hours of non-supply than the many thousands of tenement dwellers who are limited to storing water in tins and other inadequate utensils. Wherefore? It becomes a matter of doubt whether the present system of supply ensures the greatest good for the greatest number.

# CHINA SENDS ARMS TO EGYPT

## 100 Tons (Mostly Machineguns)

### Unloaded At Suez

Suez, Oct. 20. A well-informed maritime source said today Egypt had received 100 tons of war equipment from Communist China.

The source said the shipment, mostly machineguns, arrived aboard the 8,000-ton Egyptian passenger ship Khedive Ismail.

The source said the vessel arrived this morning from Whampoa, near Canton.

## Big Clash With Rebels In Tunisia

Gafsa, Tunisia, Oct. 20.

More than 3,000 troops, supported by artillery and aircraft, today fought a pitched battle with Algerian rebels on the Tunisian-Algerian border.

About 250 rebels took part in the action 30 miles from Gafsa. Although the military authorities had not received tonight full details of the casualties, they believed that scores of the rebels were killed. Some reports said that as many as 100 died.

Fighting started last night when two companies of Security Guards opened fire on the band of 250 men who had killed three miners near the village of Redeyef.

### EXTREMELY VIOLENT

Today's battle which continued until darkness fell was "extremely violent," military authorities said.

The rebels deployed themselves with skill and were clearly versed in modern military tactics.

M. Roger Seydoux, French High Commissioner in Tunisia, today went to the fighting area with the general commanding troops in Tunisia.

He told Frenchmen living in the outlying mining posts that he could not spare more troops to safeguard the area and appealed to them to withdraw to the towns.

The French settlers refused to withdraw, saying it was their duty to stay in the settlements, but asked to be given arms to defend themselves. M. Seydoux agreed to this plan.

The Tunisian Premier, Tahar Ben Ammar, today pointed out to General Pierre Billotte, French Defence Minister now touring Tunisia, that it was France's duty to keep order in the country. He appealed for troops to watch the Algerian-Tunisian frontier with great vigilance.—Reuter.

### Atomic Energy Agency Plan

## RUSSIA AGREES TO BEGIN TALKS

New York, Oct. 20. The Soviet Union has offered to negotiate with eight Western powers the drawing up of an international Atomic Energy Agency and to accept the Western draft as "a basis for the preparation of the statute," it was learned today.

The offer was made in a Soviet aide memoire sent to the United States earlier this month and since circulated among other United Nations members.

The eight Western powers are Britain, the United States, France, Canada, Australia, Belgium, Portugal and South Africa.

The Soviet government suggested that the negotiations might also be joined by Czechoslovakia.

"The Soviet Government," said the aide memoire, "proposes the convening of a conference of experts chosen by the Governments of the countries most directly concerned with a view to a joint examination of problems relating to the preparation of a statute for the International Atomic Energy Agency."

## PRINCESS MARGARET MEETS TOWNSEND AT KNIGHTSBRIDGE MEWS

London, Oct. 20. Princess Margaret saw Group-Captain Peter Townsend again this evening in the fashionable London home of her cousin, Mrs John Wills.

This was their seventh meeting in the last eight days. They had already met in the country home of Major and Mrs Wills at Allonby Park, near Windsor, during the week-end.

Princess Margaret was the first to arrive at the

little White House—a narrow cottage—in narrow Knightsbridge. Group-Captain Townsend drove up 10 minutes later after his host had called for him in his car. Few of the general public saw the guests arrive.

Just before 10 o'clock, a servant came out to buy a bottle of whisky at the nearby "Nag's Head" Hotel, wartime resort of French, Belgian and American commandos and secret service agents.—France-Press.

## Nine Russian Sailors Given Asylum In U.S.

Washington, Oct. 20. The United States has granted asylum to nine Russian sailors who were seized by the Nationalists off Formosa on June 23, 1954, it was disclosed today.

The sailors, members of the crew of the Russian tanker Tuapse, are scheduled to arrive in New York tomorrow.

They were allowed to enter the United States after the Attorney-General, Mr Herbert Brownell, Jr., ruled that their admission would be in the national interest.

The Chinese Nationalists seized 49 crew members of the Tuapse. Twenty-nine have returned to Russia. Of the 20 who chose to remain on Formosa, nine requested permission to come to the United States as refugees.

The State Department Immigration Service and the refugee division of the International Co-operation Administration have been considering the nine applications for months.

The sailors are sponsored by the Church World Service, the refugee branch of the World Council of Churches in New York City.

Russia has repeatedly tried to obtain custody of the 20 seamen who chose to remain on Formosa. But the United States has always said it is a matter for the Nationalists to settle.—United Press.

### U Nu In USSR

Moscow, Oct. 20. U Nu, Burmese Premier, arrived at Tashkent today and was greeted by local officials at the start of an official visit to the Soviet Union.

He will arrive in Moscow by air tomorrow for a ceremonial welcome by Government leaders.—Reuter.

## PEKING REPLIES TO DULLES

### Ready To Exchange Diplomatic Relations With US

Paris, Oct. 20. Communist China is willing to establish diplomatic relations with the United States, an editorial in the Peking "People's Daily" declared today, the New China News Agency reported.

The editorial in the newspaper of the Chinese Communist Party said that "China has long declared that it is willing to establish and develop diplomatic relations with any country, including the United States."

States on the basis of the principles of equality, mutual benefit and respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Replying to the American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles' speech on October 10 at the American Legion convention in Miami, the "People's Daily" declared that if what Mr Dulles said about "renunciation of force" has any real meaning, the United States could "make a practical contribution to the relaxation and elimination of tension" in the Formosa area.

The editorial said that China "has consistently advocated the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means and not by force."

The "People's Daily" recalled that Premier Chou En-lai has stated that "the Chinese people do not want war with the United States and that both China and the United States should sit down and negotiate on how to ease the tension in the Taiwan (Formosa) area."

On the other hand, the editorial maintained that the question of Formosa is "an internal affair in which the United States has no right whatsoever to interfere."—France-Press.

## FAURE CALLS CABINET TO DISCUSS ELECTION

Paris, Oct. 20. The French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, tonight called a cabinet meeting for tomorrow to discuss whether early general elections should be called in France.

M. Rene Coty, French President, will preside over the meeting.

The life of the present Assembly is due to end in June 1956, but elections may be called before that date—either in December or April.

The French Premier will possibly make a statement on the issue when he speaks on Sunday in Annecy, the Alpine resort in south-west France.

Strong propaganda has been pumped into the French political scene for some time in favour of ending short the constitutional life of the present Assembly.

The chief motive force behind the campaign is a desire to cut short the time left for the dynamic ex-Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, to develop his campaign for a new economic deal in France.

### MR FRANCE'S PLAN

M. Mendes-France aims at leading a centre-left coalition of progressive forces in all parties as a result of the next general election.

First step in this direction will be his attempt to be elected President of his own radical party. This election takes place in December.

Only if he is successful then can he really find a broad enough platform, from which to emerge as the "natural leader" of the new deal forces in France.

Conservative leaders such as the Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, and some Popular Republican leaders are opposed to M. Mendes-France, both for personal and political reasons.

They view with dismay the prospect of his returning to power next year and think the sooner the elections are held the less are M. Mendes-France's chances of staging a spectacular comeback.—Reuter.

## Planes In Action Against Rebels

Rabat, Oct. 20. French troops patrolled within a few hundred yards of the Spanish-Moroccan frontier today, during a lull in operations against rebel bands in the Rif mountains.

French aircraft carried out minor sorties against the rebels yesterday. No important engagements were reported.

Meanwhile two Moroccans were killed in Casablanca during seven separate attacks yesterday.—Reuter.

### Cyprus Terrorists Active

## RAF Officer Shot In Famagusta

Nicosia, Oct. 20. A curfew was clamped on Famagusta tonight after a Royal Air Force officer had been shot by terrorists and a bomb hurled at a police station.

The officer was hit by two bullets while parking his car in the centre of Famagusta. He was rushed to hospital.

A Cypriot policeman was injured when a bomb exploded in the yard of the Famagusta police station, causing heavy damage.

Two home-made bombs were also thrown into British-frequented public houses in the Cyprus capital, Nicosia, tonight.

One of the bombs seriously wounded a Cypriot boy.

There were no casualties from the other bomb explosion.—Reuter.

## 'I Wanted To Be A Soldier'

## FRUSTRATED SAILOR FLOODED SHIP'S ENGINE ROOM

Devonport, Oct. 20.

A 20-year-old British sailor was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and dismissal from the Royal Navy today for maliciously flooding the engine room of the 1,700-ton frigate Venus.

The sailor, John McAdam, an engineering mechanic, was said at his court martial to have done this because he had an obsession about joining the army.

He pleaded guilty to five charges in all under the Naval Discipline Act and the Malicious Damage Act.

### Six Feet Of Water

The court was told that after McAdam had returned from shore leave to the Venus on the night of September 20, the engine room bilges were found to be flooded by six feet of water.

A fire main hydrant had been opened, 20 pressure gauge glasses smashed and 200 gallons of oil had been drained out from reserve tanks.

Questioned, McAdam said he was "browned off and threatened" at this time but had since been very contrite.

He had been rejected by the Army for which there was a family tradition but he always wanted to be a soldier and for the last three years had "clung pathetically to this obsession," the defence said.

### Cider And Whisky

The night before the damage was done he had six pints of cider and six whiskies—a mixture which even a hardened palate might find it hard to absorb.

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## Despatch From Hell Road

An ex-RAF bomber navigator and author, Richard Pape is driving from the Arctic Circle to Cape Town, a journey never made before by a car.

Tomorrow the China Mail publishes Pape's despatch from Hell Road as he fights his way south through the rain and mud of Nigeria and the Cameroons.

Don't miss this graphic feature of some of the less pleasant aspects of driving through Africa.

Here are some other highlights in tomorrow's China Mail.

★ Lily Aberg writes on Mao Tse-tung's "mind-factories".

★ "Blinkie" Beaumont's blues... a slow show-down on Shaftsbury Avenue changes the face of London's show business.

★ Sefton Delmer, ace foreign correspondent, writes on the Sea of Hula, the flood trouble spots on the shores of the blue Mediterranean.



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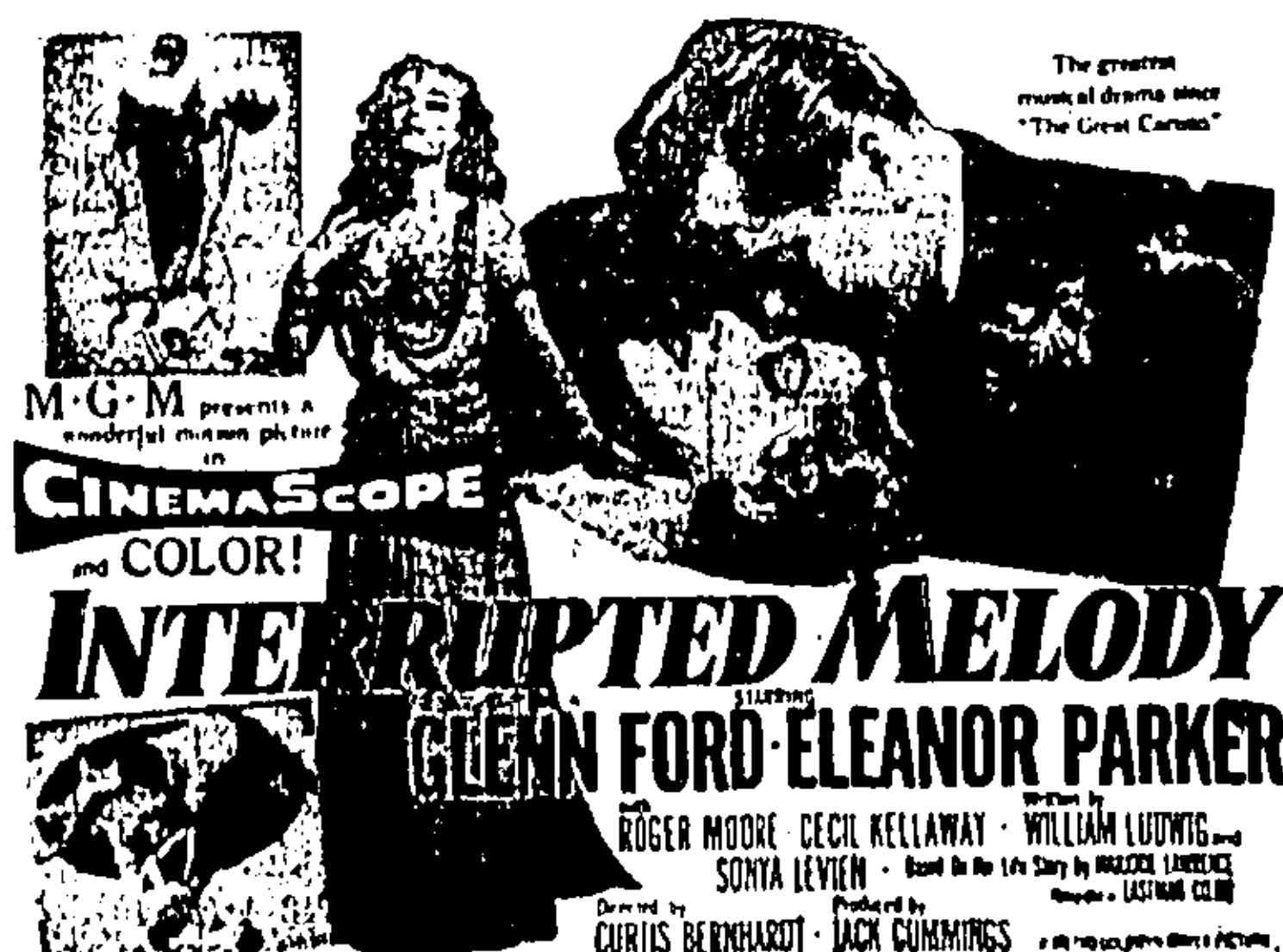
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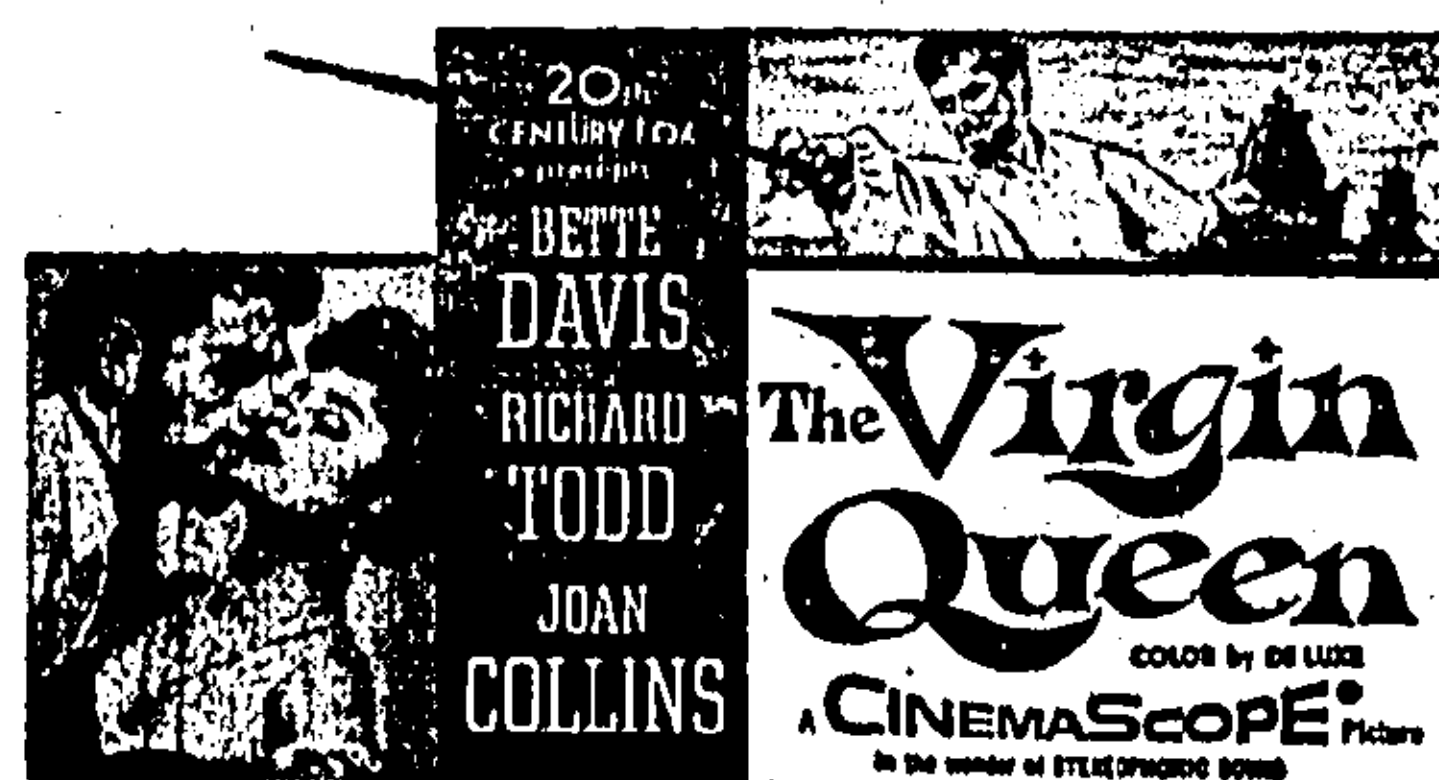
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# EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN TREATY

## Cabinet Approves Final Draft In Damascus

Damascus, Oct. 20.

The Syrian Cabinet unanimously approved the final draft to the projected bilateral military treaty between Egypt and Syria, an official communique said today.

The approval was given at a five-hour emergency meeting of the Cabinet under the chairmanship of President Shukri Kowatly. The communique said that during the meeting difference among some Ministers regarding the provisions of the draft treaty were eliminated.

Informed sources said certain provisions were amended and Egyptian Ambassador Brigadier Mahmoud Riad sanctioned the amendments which were communicated to Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt. Riad attended the Syrian Cabinet meeting.

### Initialling Date

A government spokesman said the date for initiating the treaty will be announced soon.

The spokesman said that the Syrian delegation to Saudi Arabia, originally scheduled to leave this morning, postponed its departure until Friday. Its mission would be to try to persuade King Saudi to agree on the terms of the Egyptian-Syrian treaty which replaces the defence pact between Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

The Syrian mission will also ask King Saud for a financial aid grant. Meanwhile, the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Syria, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ben Zeid, has declared that King Saud heartily welcomed the Syrian mission.

In the United Nations, Ambassador Ahmed Shukairy, Chairman of the Syrian UN delegation, said today that the defence pact would serve to prevent a preventive war in the Middle East.

He made the following statement to the United Press: "I believe that this pact would serve to strengthen peace and security in the Middle East. It is through strength that peace can be achieved. Weakness is an invitation to aggression. Israel lately has been referring to a preventive war against the Arab states. This pact, to my mind, is the answer—to prevent a preventive war."

### Not A Novelty

"A military treaty between Syria and Egypt is not a novelty. Syria and Egypt have often fought on one battlefield and against one common foe. We are reminded of the united command of Saladin during the Middle Ages, when he fought European campaigns out of the Arab world. It seemed that Syria and Egypt are making history again."

"We hope that other Arab countries will be able to join," United Press.

## Eisenhower's Condition Satisfactory

Denver, Oct. 20.

President Eisenhower today had his first hospital visit from an old golfing friend as doctors reported that his convalescence continues satisfactorily.

The President chatted from his bed for about 20 minutes with Mr. Clifford Roberts, a New York investment banker who is also Chairman of the Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia.

The medical report at 1815 GMT today said Mr. Eisenhower "woke feeling refreshed and in a happy mood" after a comfortable night's sleep of more than eight hours.

The bulletin included the familiar phrase—"The President's condition continues to progress satisfactorily without complications."

## Moroccan Council Awaits Report

Rabat, Oct. 20.

The Moroccan Throne Council today met for the seventh time since it was set up on October 17. No communique was published after the meeting.

Meanwhile, the Nationalist Democratic Independence Party (PDI) announced that it approves the four-man Council in its present form.

The Council is awaiting a report by the Premier-designate, Fatah Ben Slimane, on his efforts toward forming a representative Moroccan government.

The Democratic Independence Party said in a communique that it accepted the Throne Council in its present form but did not lose sight of the fact that the return to France of ex-Sultan Mohammed ben Youssef was linked with the setting up of the Council.

The communique said the party also took into account Ben Youssef's approval of the Council, reported to have been given in a telegram to a Council member.—France-Press.

## UN Observers Fired On By Syrians

Jerusalem, Oct. 20.

United Nations truce supervisor Maj-Gen. E. L. M. Burns today resumed investigation on the Israel-Syria border of a kidnapping charge brought by Israel.

The investigation was disrupted yesterday when UN truce observers carrying white flags were fired upon from the Syrian side of the frontier.

Israel charges that an Israeli soldier, Yacov Ben Ephraim, was kidnapped by Syrian soldiers from a spot near the Kubbulz Gonen settlement, inside Israel territory.

A UN observers party which visited the scene yesterday said they found signs of a planned ambush, with blood stains and the tracks of three men wearing military boots leading across the border from the place of ambush.

When the party still on the Israeli side of the border, came within 70 metres of a Syrian army outpost, they said, the outpost opened fire and captured them to return to safety.—United Press.

## 3-Dimension Geography



First-ever three-dimensional school atlas is shown being admired by pretty Miss Ann Lingard of London, where the book is on display. Published by the Oxford University Press, the atlas features a novel gimmick by which the world's mountains rise up out of the printed page. This is done by building up the contours with layers of plastic and plasticine, then photographing them. This new system is expected to revolutionise map-making in Britain.—Express Photo.

## French Communists After Farmers

Paris, Oct. 20.

The French Communist Party today tackled the problem of strengthening its position among small French farmers.

The Party's Secretary-General, M. Maurice Thorez, declared tonight, following a session of the Party's Central Committee, "the Communist Party is the party of the alliance between the working class and the working peasantry."

M. Thorez told party members that the consolidation of this alliance has always been considered as vitally important by the party. The Secretary-General added that this permanent task takes on still more importance today. M. Thorez called for party workers and leaders to "explain patiently to the working masses of the peasantry, the party's essential policies. Among the essentials of party ideology that should be disseminated among the peasantry, M. Thorez said, was the "theory of the pauperisation of the working class."

### Earning Less

This theory maintains that due to the increased cost of living despite wage increases, French workers today are earning substantially less than 20 years ago.

M. Thorez said that the theory of pauperisation applied equally to the present economic conditions of agricultural workers.

Secondly, M. Thorez recalled the party's slogan, "The land belongs to those who work it." Its maintaining this "fundamental claim," the party would gain the support and the

## PLANE'S ENGINE CATCHES FIRE

London, Oct. 20.

An engine fire in a British Overseas Airways Corp. airliner caused an emergency alert at London Airport today but no body was hurt.

The four-engined BOAC Argonaut was warming up at the end of a runway for take-off to Lagos when the No. 2 engine caught fire. The pilot radioed the alarm to the tower.

All fire equipment at the airport clanged to the scene. The blaze was controlled and the plane taxied back to the ramp.

There was no panic among the 34 persons aboard. One woman said: "I didn't even know there was a fire."—United Press.

## TO-DAY CANTONESE OPERA

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## UK Shortages Slow Convertibility

New York, Oct. 20.

The recent shrinkage of the United Kingdom's gold and dollar reserves has slowed its progress toward sterling convertibility, Viscount Harcourt, Economic Minister to the British Embassy in Washington, admitted here last night.

But he added, in an address to a dinner meeting of the New York Investment Bankers Association in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, the convertibility, in any event, could not be achieved until United Kingdom products can compete in the United States "on reasonable and competitive terms."

The gold and dollar reserves fell by 335 million pounds during July, August and September, he said, partly because of an erroneous report that sterling was to be devalued. Measures to stop the drain have been taken and are being taken, and the situation is not critical, he said.

"It would be idle," he added, however, "to deny that the recent setback in our fortunes must slow down the rate at which we can advance towards our ultimate goal of making sterling freely convertible throughout the world."

### No Solution

"We believe, moreover, that there is no really satisfactory solution to the problem other

than our being allowed to fight for our dollars in your own domestic market on reasonable and competitive terms. In the last five years the rest of the world has bought from the United States over 10 billion more goods and services than it has been able to sell to you."

"The economic relations between our two countries have in recent months been troubled by such measures as the increase in your tariff on bicycles and the decision to ignore the low British tender for the Chief Joseph dam project. Things like this, I know, are questions for your own decision."

"I would only ask that as and when similar problems arise in future you will bear in mind the vital importance which we, in the rest of the free world, attach to securing some assurance that we shall be able, by our own efforts, to earn the dollars with which to pay for those things which we want from you and which you are anxious to export to us."—United Press.

## LAMBERT RETURNS WITH ILL CLIMBER

Katmandu, Oct. 20.

Pierre Vittor, a member of the Franco-Swiss expedition who became seriously ill at 10,000 feet during an attempt to scale a 23,290-foot Himalayan peak, is expected to arrive here on October 27 escorted by Raymond Lambert, leader of the expedition.

Vittor, a Swiss missionary in Kashmir, has developed a high fever and is being brought here on a stretcher across rough mountain tracks.

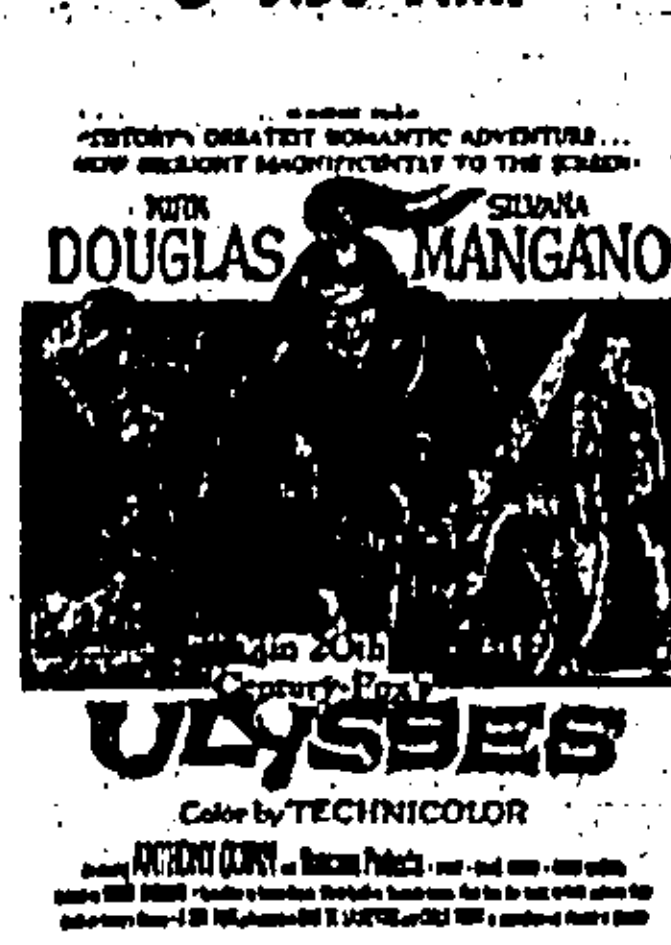
A message reaching here today said the attempt to climb the Genesh Himal peak was continuing. An earlier report gave the impression that the seven-man expedition had been called off in the face of Vittor's illness.

The message said the climb was continuing slowly because of extremely bad weather and added that Camp 2 was established at a height of 18,000 feet on October 8.

The base camp of the expedition was established on September 20 at a height of 14,000 feet.—China Mail Special.

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# Sudden Scene In Council Of Europe CLASH OVER CYPRUS

## Britain Accused Of Inciting Istanbul Riots

By Ronald Batchelor

Strasbourg, Oct. 20.

A clash over Cyprus between British, Greek and Turkish delegates broke out suddenly in the Council of Europe here today when a Greek delegate charged British diplomacy with responsibility for last month's anti-Greek riots in Istanbul.

Mr Tassi Droulia intervened in the foreign affairs debate on East-West relations to declare that the Balkan treaty had been "reduced to nothing" as a result of the riots on September 6.

The riots had ended Greek-Turkish friendship as well as the Balkan treaty and had "broken into pieces the whole of the noble endeavour for human rights," he declared.

The Council of Europe had no right to remain mere spectators of the "theatre of horror" enacted in Istanbul—"a play that had as chief actors, the Turks as victims, 100,000 unarmed citizens, and as prompter British diplomacy," he said.

### Excited Turks

British diplomacy had managed on the one hand to excite the Turks to action that had "irreparably held them up to public contempt" and, on the other hand, "enfeebled the southern wing of NATO."

Mr Droulia declared: "and all this without the expected results of hindering the Cyprus issue, because Cyprus will soon gain its freedom anyway."

He said the Cyprus issue was a dispute between the British and the population of Cyprus, four-fifths of whom were Greeks. "In this dispute, the Turks—interposed by British diplomacy—are completely irrelevant," he stated.

The German Vice-President of the Assembly, Herr Kurt Georg Kiesinger, broke in to warn Mr Droulia that he should discuss only general East-West relations.

### Important

Mr Zeynep Mandallini, Turkish Democrat, jumped to his feet to declare the issue was "extremely important" for his country and urged the Vice-President to allow the Greek delegate to continue so that he could reply immediately.

Mr John McLay, British Conservative, backed the Turkish appeal and declared: "Certain remarks have been made to which our Turkish colleague has the right to reply."

## WEST TO CONSULT ON ARMS DEAL

Paris, Oct. 20.

French Premier Edgar Faure said today that the Western Powers would consult each other on the subject of Soviet arms deliveries to Egypt and would take "necessary measures" if there were a menace to peace.

The Premier, speaking at a press conference, also said that the outcome of next Sunday's referendum in the Saar on a statute to provide a "European" status for the territory "cannot modify in any way the attitude we have taken on the subject of German reunification."

### Seek Solutions

M. Faure said that if the Saar people reject the statute, the status quo will be maintained. M. Faure said that France would not resume contacts with the United Nations General Assembly in the near future. The French delegation walked out of the General Assembly when the Assembly placed the question of Algeria on its agenda.

M. Faure said that the French delegation to the Geneva Big Four foreign ministers' conference would seek solutions to outstanding international problems, particularly that of disarmament. A French disarmament plan has already been submitted to the other three powers, he said.

The next meeting of the Cabinet will hear a report from the Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, on the situation on the eve of the Geneva conference, and will then define the Government's position, M. Faure said.

### Indonesia

The Prime Minister said that at its last meeting, the Cabinet agreed to discuss the situation in Indonesia at a future session.

A journalist asked M. Faure whether the rejection by the Saar people of the statute, worked out by France and West Germany, would lead the French Government to reconsider its policy toward German reunification.

M. Faure replied: "The French Government has taken a position, the choice made by the Saar voters cannot change it."

He added, however, that rejection of the statute would not lead to new French-West German negotiations on the Saar, but would simply mean a return to the status quo.—France-Press.

## Strange Requests At Museum

London, Oct. 20.

Attendances at the British Museum Library have risen from six readers a month 200 years ago to about 380 a day at the present time.

Among recent changes in the reading room has been the introduction of an inquiry desk. This has led to many odd queries, including one about the type of ovens used in a herb-gatherer's hut in Stroud Forest (Nottinghamshire) in 1004.

Strange requests for reading matter included a postcard which said: "I have only one hour to go on Saturday afternoon. Will you put out books for me on mothers (favourable and unfavourable) and the horrors of war."

Another request was for books to be put out at a certain reading desk on: "superstition, love, marriage, war, flowers, dress, Midsummer, Christmas, New Year, All Hallow Even, etc., etc."—all to be read "tomorrow morning."—China Mail Special.



## Dulles Reported 'Optimistic'

Washington, Oct. 20.

Several congressional leaders who were briefed at the State Department today reported that Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, was optimistic about the results of the Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference which opens in Geneva next Thursday.

Leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties conferred for more than two hours with Mr Dulles, who reviewed for them the West's strategy and hopes for the conferences between the foreign ministers of Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union.

Senator Thomas Hennings, of Missouri, a leader of the Democrats in Congress, told reporters that the outcome of today's briefing was "most hopeful."

"We believe that concrete and substantial progress will be made," he added.

### Acid Test

At the same time, Senator Hennings said, Mr Dulles and the Congressional leaders realised that the foreign ministers conference would be the "acid test" for the Soviet Union's commitment.

## Nobel Prize Winner Might Have Been A Violinist

Stockholm, Oct. 20.

Professor Hugo Theorell, this year's Nobel medicine prize winner, might have been a violinist—but he couldn't stay out of the laboratory.

Professor Theorell said today his music teacher had constantly urged him to become a professional musician.

"I might have earned my daily bread as a violinist, if I had not always been so attracted by scientific research," he said. He still plays. His other hobbies are gardening, and sailing his yacht among the thousands of small islands between Stockholm and the open Baltic.

He is going to buy a new apartment for his wife and three sons with his 180,214 crowns (£13,210) prize money, as well as refurnish their little log cabin outside Stockholm, where the family spend summer weekends.

### Not Practical

"I will not spend the money on research," he said. "It would have been a practical proposition in Nobel's time. At today's costs my prize would only keep my institute running for a couple of months."

Scientists said today Professor Theorell is a world authority on enzyme—the ferments which induce chemical changes in plant and animal life.

He has been able to isolate the particular enzyme—"the yellow ferment"—which controls the generation of warmth and the consumption of oxygen in living bodies. By splitting this enzyme and examining its components, Professor Theorell has increased scientists' knowledge of how vitamins work in living bodies.—China Mail Special.

## Medals For Policemen In Cyprus

Strovolos, Cyprus.—Field Marshal Sir John Harding, newly appointed British Governor of this Mediterranean island, is pictured here presenting medals to the Cyprus police. Sir John's appointment marked a tougher British policy toward claims by the predominantly Greek-descended population for "Enosis" (union with Greece). Britain, stating the island is necessary for North Atlantic Treaty Organisation defence plans, has refused to present a plea by EOKA leader Archbishop Makarios to draw up a definite timetable for the islanders' self-determination.—Express Photo.

## SAAR PLEBISCITE Defections From Premier's Party

Saarbruecken, Oct. 20.

Opponents of the European statute proposed for the Saar tonight made much play out of the defection of several senior officials from Premier Johannes Hoffmann's pro-statute Christian People's Party.

In speeches preceding Sunday's plebiscite on the statute they pointed out that the Premier's principal foreign adviser, Dr Gotthardt Lorscheider, and three of the seven country commissioners had all left the party.

Last night too, Herr Fritz Schoenemann, Saar member on the international commission which supervises the exploitation of the Warndt coal reserves, resigned his post.

The Warndt Commission is of much interest to the Saar territory's 60,000 coalminers. The Warndt reserve of nearly 1,000 million tons of coking coal represents the future for their children. Herr Hoffmann's Government has rented the colliery to France for 30 years for exploitation from the French side of the frontier.

### Close Frontiers

News from London, Paris and Bonn that the Western governments were considering closing all the Saar frontiers from midnight on Saturday, caused surprise in Saarbruecken. All parties strongly deny planning an invasion of supporters to put pressure on the voters.

The European Commission for the referendum announced tonight that it had studied the question of closing the frontiers, in co-operation with the interested governments.

The several technical problems raised by this project were the subject of discussion, but it would be premature to assert that it will be put into practice by the governments mentioned, the statement said.

### Adenauer Appeal

In Bonn Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Federal Chancellor, re-emphasised from his sick bed today his wish that Saarlanders should vote for the European statute in the plebiscite on Sunday.

In a statement to the West German news agency, DPA, his first political statement since he fell ill with pneumonia on October 6, Dr Adenauer recalled his previous statements urging acceptance of the statute and said: "I hope and am confident that the Saar population will take all viewpoints into consideration and make a politically wise decision."—China Mail Special.

### Big Headache

## RHINOS CHARGE BULLDOZERS

Nairobi, Oct. 20. Some of the rhinoceroses in the remote bush of Kenya's Kitul district are suffering from big headaches. The animals have been charging giant bulldozers which are used in the area to clear the bush for farming and to eliminate the tsetse fly.

Bulldozer operators report that they have become used to the sight of a rhino suddenly lunging from a clump of bush and charging their machines. Some of the bulldozers have been slightly dented, said one of the operators, "and some rhinos have big headaches."

Bush clearing operations were slowed down at first because drivers halted at the sight of the charging rhinos, but now they have become used to it. Reports say the area teems with rhinoceros, which are notoriously temperamental.—France-Press.

## DEMONSTRATING PILOT KILLED

Baltimore, Oct. 20.

1st-Cot. Gerber Sondermann, personal pilot of Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, was killed today when a jet trainer he was demonstrating crashed near the Hagerstown Airport in Maryland.

Witnesses said that as part of the demonstration, Sondermann took the plane up to 8,000 feet and began a series of spins downward. However, the plane failed to pull out of the first spin in time and crashed and burned.—United Press.

## MGM LION DEAD

Dublin, Oct. 20.

The "most photogenic lion in the world," Stephen, whose growing face adorns all Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer films shown throughout the globe, died today in Dublin's Zoo of a heart attack.

The MGM lion was only 14 years old. Most lions in captivity live to an average age of 18. Stephen was picked by the Hollywood film concern after a worldwide zoo survey. He was a vocal lion, his vocal talents were not quite up to the desired roar quality, and the Irish lion had to be dubbed by one of his colleagues in the London Zoo.—France-Press.

## Train Spotters May Disappear

## DIESEL REPLACING STEAM

London, Oct. 20. The large-scale replacement of steam locomotives by diesels on British Railways may mean the end of the "train spotter" who stands for hours on railway platforms recording the numbers of passing engines.

Spotters, who include adults as well as thousands of schoolchildren, are only vaguely interested in electric trains and diesels. They find far more excitement in the sight of a great shrieking steam locomotive tearing along the tracks.

### Personality

Each locomotive has a personality of its own, they claim, and many have names which, in addition to their numbers, are carefully noted.

Now the spotters' days are numbered and the hobby is faced with extinction. Railway officials will not be sorry, however. One, at a busy London terminus, said: "They come here in their hundreds and although most of them are well-behaved, one or two of them make a nuisance of themselves. We always have to keep an eye on them and I shouldn't be sorry to see the back of them."—China Mail Special.

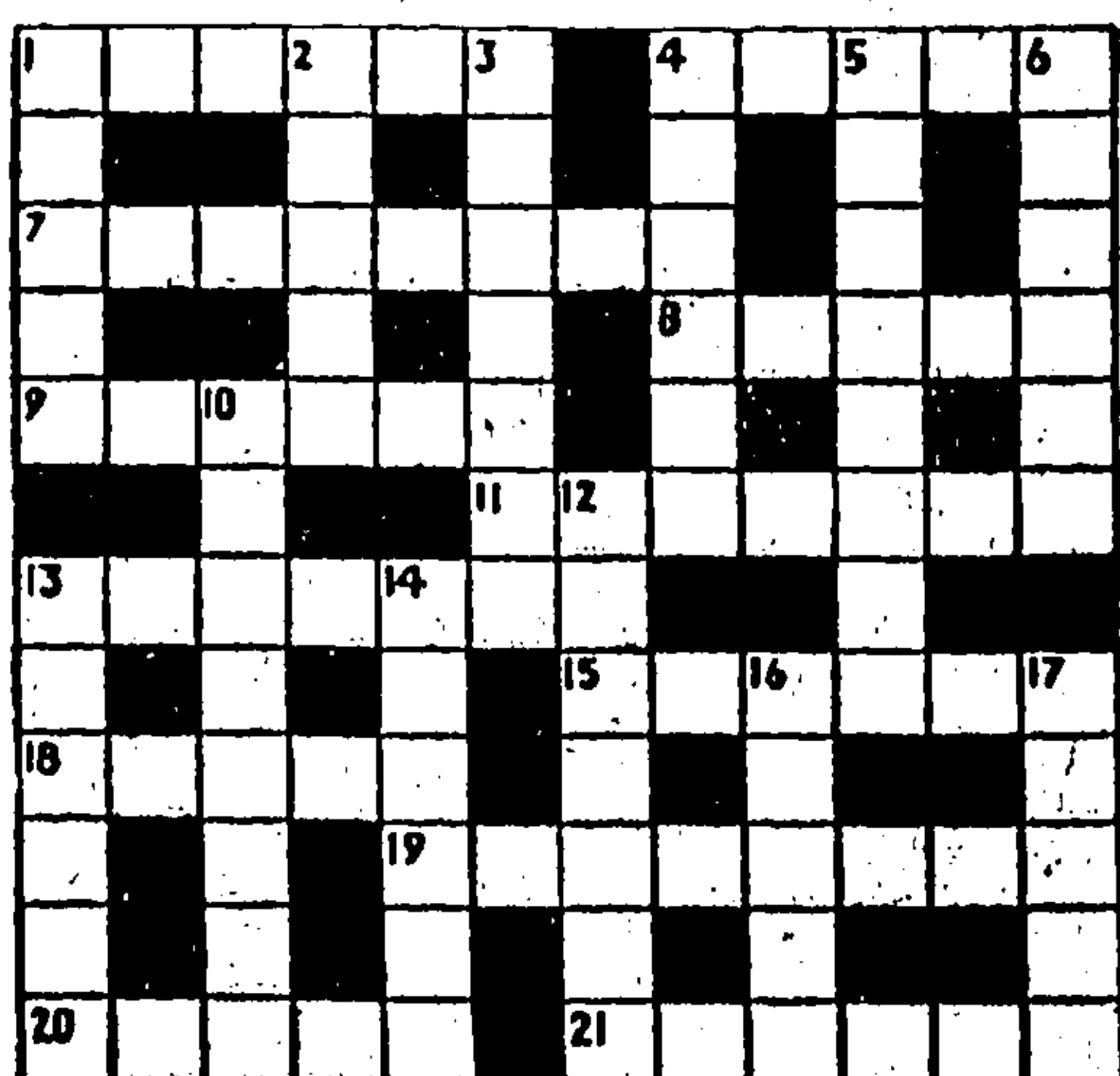
## SCOTS WANT BURNS STAMP

Edinburgh, Oct. 20. The Burns Federation here is trying to secure the issue of a special postage stamp to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet.

At the Federation's annual conference recently, one member stated that even Shakespeare's anniversary had not been marked by the issue of special stamps, and a special Burns issue would be unprecedented.

Other members declared that many countries, including France and the United States, depicted their national poets on postage stamps. The Federation decided to go ahead with their efforts for an anniversary issue, and also to try and get a national holiday declared on the poet's birthdate.—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Chase (6)
  - Rescued (5)
  - Bullfighter (8)
  - Amalgamate (8)
  - Child (6)
  - Precious stone (7)
  - Hermit (7)
  - Diminished (6)
  - Describe (5)
  - Approve (6)
  - View (6)
  - Cementing agent (6)
- DOWN**
- Part of a flower (6)
  - Rail (6)
  - Last (7)
  - Dapper (6)
  - Watchful (6)
  - Protect (6)
  - Precise (8)
  - Allment (7)
  - Disturbance (6)
  - False (6)
  - Striking block (5)
  - Put off (6)

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:** Across: 1 Sayo, 4 Migraine, 5 Noon, 9 Free, 10 Amiable, 11 Idea, 12 Over, 14 Staying, 15 Mince, 18 Slick, 22 Tenders, 23 Ham, 27 Rip, 28 Denial, 29 Real, 30 Skirt, 31 Streets, 32 Site, Down: 2 Arrive, 3 Entire, 4 Meats, 6 Innate, 8 Ready, 7 Tion, 12 Omit, 13 Elen, 15 Idea, 16 Germ, 18 Arrest, 20 Thorns, 21 Errand, 23 Event, 24 Drive, 25 Sink.



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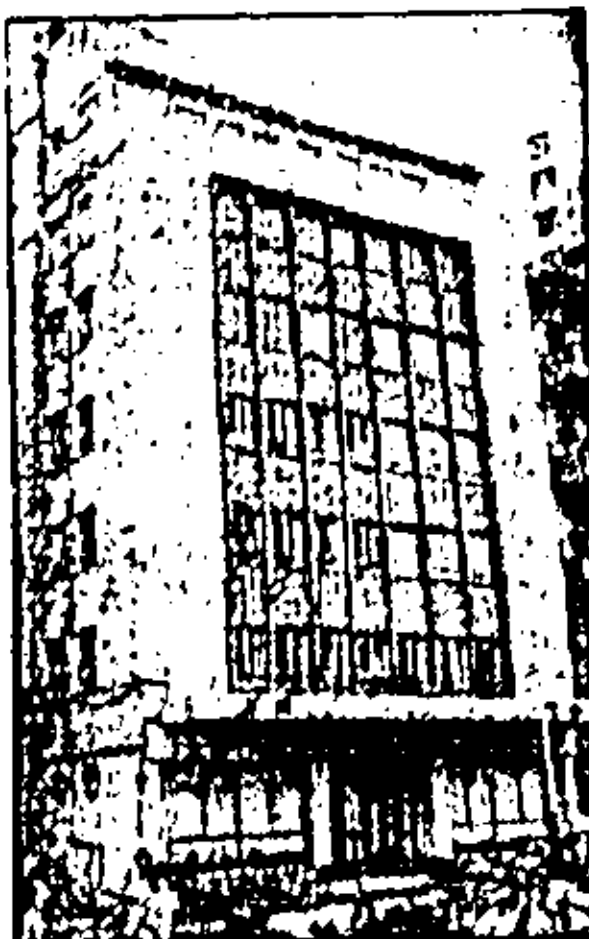
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## THE HOTTEST POLITICAL DISCLOSURE FOR YEARS

# THIS IS DYNAMITE!

By William Barkley

**H**OW Prime Ministers are made! We live and we learn. Who would have thought that today a document would be dug out of the royal archives at Windsor throwing new light on an old mystery?

The mystery is how the unknown Stanley Baldwin became Prime Minister on the resignation of the dying Bonar Law in 1923.

The phrase should be the "almost" unknown Baldwin. He was known as the Chancellor of the Exchequer who had announced his ruinous settlement of the American Debt without telling his chief, Bonar Law, and who said later that he could have bitten out his tongue.

"A man of the utmost intelligence," stammered the ousted Curzon. For everybody, even Curzon himself upwards, downwards and sideways, expected the King to send for Curzon, the Foreign Secretary, the former Viceroy, the man whose claims—said Bonar Law—could not be passed over.

Bonar Law was sure that Curzon would succeed him. On May 20 Baldwin came to see him. Bonar Law urged Baldwin to serve loyally under Curzon. Baldwin said he could serve under anyone who would hold the party together.

Two days later Baldwin was Prime Minister. How come?

Bonar Law in his illness made no recommendation of a successor, neither Curzon, Baldwin, nor anybody else. Salisbury, when the King asked his view, recommended Curzon. Balfour recommended Baldwin, but otherwise pretty well the whole of Bonar Law's cabinet expected the new Prime Minister to be Curzon.

### A shock

**C**URZON was Prime Minister for four hours in time and for the distance between Yeovil and London—in his own mind. He was summoned to London by George V's secretary, Stamfordham, and great was Curzon's shock on hearing he had been summoned not to be Prime Minister.

He never knew who hit him. Now we know: it was Colonel Ronald Waterhouse.

Who is this maker of Prime Ministers? Waterhouse had been a soldier in the South African war and had come into the Civil Service. He was the protégé of another figure of more importance and ability, J. C. Davidson, later Baldwin's "David," now Lord Davidson.

Davidson was an M.P. and parliamentary secretary to Bonar Law. Waterhouse was Bonar Law's civil servant secretary. He was an odd-looking fellow, with a red nose and an unattractive countenance.

Bonar Law wrote out his resignation to the King and arranged for a verbal message to be delivered begging not to be consulted on a successor. Waterhouse offered to convey the message. Members of Bonar Law's family thought that Waterhouse might possibly have an axe to grind and sent son-in-law Sir Frederick Sykes along with Waterhouse.

### A document

**H**ERE in the story starts cloak-and-dagger stuff. Somehow, unbeknown to Sykes, Waterhouse passed another document to Stamfordham.

This is a long and powerfully argued plea for the selection of Baldwin as Prime Minister. It has lain unopened ever since in the archives. It bears a note by Stamfordham: "This is the memorandum handed to the King on May 20 and which, Colonel Waterhouse stated, practically expressed the views of Mr Bonar Law."

The memorandum was never known to Bonar Law or to any member of his family or to Lord Beaverbrook, who was constantly in Bonar Law's company and never heard of it until it was recently copied.

It was in no sense a true account of Bonar Law's views, but its influence on the King must have been enormous.

Lord Beaverbrook was in Bonar Law's room on May 22 when Davidson brought word that the King had sent for Baldwin, and he recalls vividly Bonar Law's surprise.

Where did Waterhouse get the memorandum? Apparently from Davidson, who composed it after discussions with Baldwin. It was given as guidance in case Waterhouse, who had been a Court eunuch, was asked for his own views.

Waterhouse, without explanation, passed it on to the King as an expression of Bonar Law's views.

Waterhouse was later Baldwin's secretary and also Ramsay MacDonald's, and resigned to enter the City in 1928. So he is the man who made, or certainly had a great deal to do in making, Baldwin.

### A letter

**M**R ROBERT BLAKE, the historian of Christ Church who traces this fantastic story in his new life of Bonar Law, says it would be scarcely credible but for the written evidence.

It will be asked: why Bonar Law did not recommend Curzon.

\* The Unknown Prime Minister—the Life and Times of Andrew Bonar Law, 1874-1923, by Robert Blake. Eyre and Spottiswoode, Ltd.

The final cause is believed to be a letter.

In April 1923 Prime Minister Bonar Law wrote to his Foreign Secretary Curzon that a certain peer, who is nameless, had called at Downing Street asking official support to negotiate a loan for Turkey. What did Curzon think?

The answer is poorly described as a letter. It is the trumpeting of a wounded elephant. Replying the same day Curzon wrote:

"My dear Bonar.—If I may say so the right thing would be for your private secretary to say that Lord—should address himself to the Foreign Office and not to No. 10.

"As a matter of fact I know all about Lord—, who was Lord Lieutenant of my present county, Hants, and whom I have known for 30 years.

"He ran away from his wife—a charming lady—with another woman; he had to resign the Lord Lieutenancy; he became involved in some very shady financial transactions; he had to sell his place and is wholly discredited.

"That anyone should offer a loan to Turkey before peace is concluded would be very doubtful policy. But that that person should be Lord—renders it quite out of the question. I am sure you did not know all this.

"When these persons go to No. 10 instead of here they are really reproducing one of the least admirable features of the L.I.G. regime.

Yours sincerely,

### A cult

**S**UCH a haughty tone to an alling chief was regarded as a bad augury for harmonious relations in a Cabinet of which Curzon would be head.

The book gets its title from a gibe of Asquith's when Bonar Law was accorded a funeral in Westminster Abbey. "It is appropriate that the Unknown Prime Ministers should be buried beside the Unknown Soldier."

It became a cult of Asquithians to belittle the modest Canadian-Scott, but quite a few people lived to repent their error in thinking him negligible.

The son of a poor New Brunswick man, he was brought by cousins to Glasgow at the age of 12. These cousins were no poor relations. They were iron merchants, several of whom died worth a quarter of a million.

He left Glasgow High School for an office desk at 16, but read widely in his leisure, and for ten years debated in a Glasgow mock-Parliament which served him as well for apprenticeship as any Oxford Union when he entered Parliament in 1900.

His ambition was fired at 21 when he saw Gladstone installed as Lord Rector of Glasgow University. He made up his mind to rival Gladstone, and this he did (apart from being Prime Minister) when he was himself Lord Rector in 1921.

### A reply

**H**E was 42 when he entered the Commons, and soon his businesslike speeches caught the ear of the House and of Prime Minister Balfour, who gave him junior office.

Balfour had no idea of the jolt he was going to get 10 years later at the Carlton Club from this same man.

One day in 1911 Bonar Law mustered 40 supporters out of 280, and 48 hours later he was the undisputed candidate for the leadership of the party of Old England, Anglican Church, broad acres and hereditary titles.

"Do not be too modest, you are a great man now," Lord Beaverbrook advised him.

The reply was characteristic: "If I am a great man then all great men are frauds."

In secret negotiations with Asquith at Lord Beaverbrook's house, Cheyke, he formulated the plans which, although then rejected, later became the basis of Ulster's Constitution.

In the 1914-18 war his was the hand that unsent Asquith, and he entered an intimate partnership with Lloyd George.

A silly argument was put up a few weeks ago that Milner was second to Lloyd George. What folly. The proof that Bonar Law was No. 2 is that he could easily have been No. 1.

On Asquith's fall in 1916 the King sent for him, and it was Bonar Law who recommended Lloyd George. Every war problem that arose was first discussed between these two. Bonar Law's voice was decisive, for example, in the evacuation of Gallipoli.

### A friend

**H**IS emergence from retirement in 1922 meant in turn the downfall of Lloyd George and the renewed independence of the Tory Party.

In these transactions the figure of Beaverbrook is constantly at Bonar Law's side. Mr. Blake discuses, and rejects, the theory that he was a puppet in Beaverbrook's hands. Beaverbrook has never claimed that he influenced Bonar Law's opinions.

Bonar Law knew much sorrow. Beaverbrook, this other son of a poor New Brunswick man, made acquaintance in the lonely, despondent days of 1910 when Mrs Bonar Law

## MOST OBSTINATE MULES NAPOLEON HAD EVER SEEN

By J. W. Taylor

**T**HEY barred Napoleon's way at the battle of Alexandria in 1801. They stopped him at Malta in Italy five years later. They were at Badajoz, Salamanca, the Pyrenees, the Nivelle, Orthes and Toulouse in the Peninsular campaigns. And at the crucial battle of Waterloo, when they saved the centre of the Iron Duke's line at the Charleroi-Brussels crossroads, a French general remarked: "I have seen Russian, Prussian and French bravery, but anything to equal the stubborn bravery of the Regiment with Castles I have never witnessed."

And Napoleon himself declared, with understandable exasperation, that the Regiment with Castles on their caps was composed of the most obstinate mules he had ever seen, and that they didn't know when they were beaten.

This Regiment with Castles, which by its courage, discipline, and resolute spirit has always

lived up to its motto of "Nec Aspera Terrent," (By Difficulties Undaunted), is of course the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

The badge of the Castle of Enniskillen, commemorates their bravery when, as a volunteer force of English and Scottish soldiers in the North of Ireland, they successfully defied both the Irish Catholics and a French force under the deposed James II in 1699.

Later that year they had a hand in the great victory at the Battle of Orange, and were then put on the British establishment as 7th Inniskilling, later to be numbered as the 27th (or Inniskilling) Foot.

One of the most curious episodes in the Regiment's history occurred at the battle of Falkirk in 1746. The Ensign carrying the Regimental Colour, Eyre-Coote by name, ran away with the Colour, was subsequently arrested for desertion, and dismissed from the Army for his apparently disgraceful conduct. When it was discovered afterwards that he ran away only to save the Colour from capture, his commission was restored to him.

### Brilliant Leader

Many years later he became Commander-in-Chief in India, and made a name for himself as a brilliant leader in various operations against the French. The Regiment also served in India during the Mutiny, after which the 3rd Madras European Regiment became linked with the Inniskillings, first as the 108th Foot, and then in 1881 as the Second Battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, the 27th Foot having become the First Battalion.

In the Boer War, the Inniskillings took part in the relief of Ladysmith and its garrison, which was commanded by Sir George White, who had begun his army career with the Skins.

Thirteen battalions were raised in World War One. The First Battalion took a prominent part in the gallant though unsuccessful Dardanelles operation, storming the slopes of Scimitar Hill, while the Second Battalion crossed the Dardanelles in the original BEF and participated in the retreat from Mons.

Later, the two battalions became units of the famous 38th (Ulster) Division on the Western Front, and eight Victoria Crosses were won during the war.

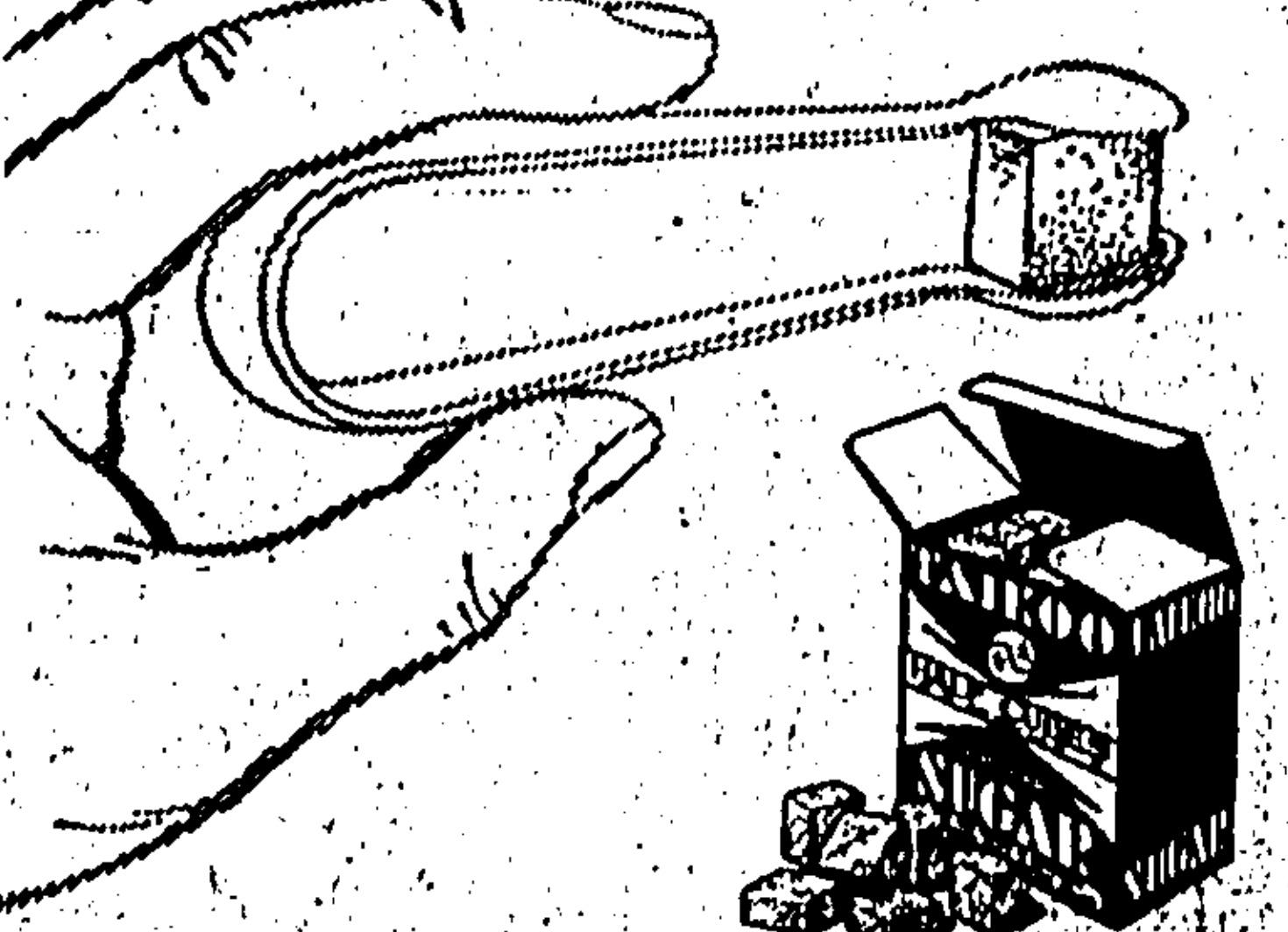
### Heavy Casualties

Very heavy casualties were sustained by the Skins in World War Two. The First Battalion was in the Burma campaigns, and the Second Battalion, after being evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940, saw service in Madagascar, India, Iraq, Persia, Syria, Egypt, Sicily and Italy, particularly distinguishing itself at the battle of the Garigliano River and in the Anzio Beach-head.

The 6th Battalion also made a gallant contribution in Italy, particularly in the triumphant storming of Centuripe. Ten DSO's, one George Medal, 42 MC's, ten DCM's, 70 MM's and four BEM's were awarded between 1939 and 1945.

Since the war, the First Battalion has been to Hongkong, has fought the Communist bandits in Malaya, and has served in Jamaica, the Suez Canal and Germany. The Second Battalion, disbanded in 1948 and reformed in 1952, is now serving in Cyprus.

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## ARMY 7, ROYAL NAVY 2

# Sailors Drifted About Listlessly Against A Land-Legged Team

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Where, oh where were the Royal Navy forwards who only a week ago held the still unbeaten Eastern side to a 4-3 long drawn-out struggle at Caroline Hill?

Yesterday the sailors who met the Army at the Club ground played like men bewitched and except for their two snap goals scored in the 44th and 63rd minute, they were such a disjointed lot that the Army scored as they wished to net five times to bring the final tally to 7-2.

I scanned from line to touch them, only to find them drifting listlessly, deep in the land of nod. And their dreams, if they dreamed at all of holding on to the 2-2 score for long, were shattered by five Army goals in the second half of this Senior Division League match played at the Club ground.

Navy Charlesworth, the Army goalkeeper, who waited and waited, all seemed to give the command to admission free, for another sample of the day's play, in a manner which was not to be repeated. But not a shot, barring the two Navy chances in unexcitingly, came his way.

In fact, no more than three players in the Navy team yesterday were worthy of mention, and even they were not in the best of form. The forward line, which had been taken by the forward line, could not have beaten even an untrained goal-keeper.

Glasgow, at centre-forward, left-winger Watson and Vickers, right-half, were Navy's danger men in the field. These three kept the Army worried for a spell when the scoreboard read two-all, but they could not resist them to hold the goal. The happy Army forwards immediately.

Persistent raids were Glasgow, Vickers and Watson to a point of exhaustion and as a result the Army literally walked the ball into the net as the game progressed.

## HERO OF THE MATCH

Hero of the match undoubtedly was Army's centre-forward Morris who scored five of the seven goals while McMillan, the "shortest man on the field," was a demon on his legs. McMillan's speed and clever ball-control required the Navy to send two men to police him.

McClay, the Army right-winger, was not up to standard. Twice and again he lost the ball or blundered in front of goal to the disappointment of the crowd. McClay switched over to left-wing with Chesterman for a change and even this move did no in any way make any difference. The only thing that came out of this switch was Chesterman giving full support to the forwards which indirectly helped the Army on a goal-scoring spree.

The most overworked man in this encounter was Navy's custodian Payne. He dived, punched, kicked and did everything to stop the ball but all to no avail. In fairness to Payne, he did his full share of work and probably had the defenders' job added to his task.

Army's forwards, attacking with punch, precision and power, meant business from the word go and right away goal-keeper Payne was in trouble. Morris tried. McMillan shot and then Waitte attempted to score from inside the box in these hectic first ten minutes.

Once Morris nodded a header so hard that it bounced from right in front of Payne over the bar.

27th minute. No score yet... but this signalled the eventual beating that would be handed out to the Royal Navy.

## TURNED ON THE HEAT

Army turned on the heat from the 20th minute. Inside-left Waitte threw away a scoring chance when five yards away from Payne he lofted the ball instead of taking a fast grounder that would have probably beaten the Navy custodian. The ball sailed harmlessly over the crossbar.

Chesterman was the next to call upon Payne to effect a well saved shot that had the Navy custodian jumping in the air to grab this dangerous drive.

After McClay and then Morris shot wild, the opening goal came in the 28th minute. McMillan crossed over a long pass to Morris and the latter pushed the ball to the far corner of the net before Payne could move.

A corner to the Army in the 35th minute saw goal number two missing the mark by inches as McMillan's header went inches over the bar. By the 40th minute the Navy defence was

called upon to ward off shot after shot at Payne.

This sustained raid eventually brought off the Army's second goal. Chesterman put McMillan in possession and like a bolt out of the blue McMillan crashed a hard drive smack into the Navy custodian. The ball bounced off Payne's hands and rolled over the line for the referee to point to the starting circle.

Navy tore tooth and nail at Army for the next five minutes and they had the reward due to them one minute from the interval when Glasgow beat Charlesworth for the first time with a well placed shot beyond relieving.

This Navy goal was a result of a misunderstanding between Army's Hogan and goalkeeper Charlesworth. Each waited for the other to clear and before they could make up their mind Glasgow took the ball right under their nose to net.

## NEARLY LOST IT

The whistle for the interval saw the Army still in the lead at 2-1.

Army nearly lost their goal lead immediately after resumption. A free kick gave Beck a crack at goal. Beck's drive hit Charlesworth full in the body, the ball bounced off his hands and had the Army custodian not dived to stop the ball it would have rolled past the goal line.

Navy found the equaliser in the 19th minute. The latter had scored position and the latter had merely to place his foot to the ball to beat Charlesworth for the second and positively last occasion.

It was a total rout that followed after this goal that tied the score at 2-2. The Army, with-out let-up, crashed in goal after goal with such regularity that it required Sammy Tsang to pull out notebook and pencil to record this scoring spree.

Army's Morris put in goal number three and four in the 27th and 33rd minute and by the 35th minute the Army took the score to 5-2. Waitte's goal at this stage saw referee Sammy Tsang overruling the flagman's decision for offside. It was clearly a legitimate goal put in by Waitte and the referee's decision was in agreement with the fans.

Two more snap goals scored by Morris in the 39th and 40th minute finally ended this Senior Division match with a 7-2 margin against the sailors.

## TEAMS

Army: Charlesworth, Hogan, Chesterman, McMillan, Ashworth, Vickers, Williams, Beck, Vasey, Nicholas, Valerie, Watson.

Navy: Payne, Condie, Dudman, Vickers, Williams, Beck, Vasey, Nicholas, Valerie, Watson.

## HOW THEY STAND

Team standings up to and including October 20:

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Eastern	7	7	1	0	27	12	14
South China	0	0	1	1	10	19	13
Kitchener	7	0	2	1	21	10	10
Navy	7	0	2	1	21	10	10
CAA	7	0	2	1	21	10	10
Sing Tao	7	0	2	1	21	10	10
Semis	8	0	2	1	21	10	10
Army	7	2	4	1	21	22	5
RAF	7	2	4	1	18	24	5
Wong Wah	7	2	4	1	18	24	5
Navy	7	2	4	1	18	24	5
Police	0	0	0	0	10	20	0
Club	7	1	1	0	9	30	0

## Three New Zealand Olympic Candidates Hope For Selection

By NORMAN WILLIAMS

Auckland, New Zealand.

Three New Zealand athletes are making strong claims for inclusion in the country's 56-man team for the Olympic Games at Melbourne next year.

One is 22-year-old Kerry Williams, a Royal New Zealand Air Force physical instructor, whose eyes are on the 1,500 and 5,000 Metres runs. He won the New Zealand cross-country title at Timaru in August from a top field which included the world-rank Miller, Murray Halberg (4 minutes 4.4 seconds).

Behind Williams' success is a story of brilliant victory over adversity. Since childhood, he has been in hospital about 20 times for treatment for various injuries and doctors have told him several times that his running days begun at school, were over. But the doctors reckoned without his sterling courage.

Williams' misfortunes began as a toddler when he was pored in the face by a goat and had a leg broken in the spokes of a bicycle.

## PROMISING RUNNER

He first attracted attention as a promising runner when he won the Timaru High School's Junior and Intermediate cross-country titles. (Dr Jack Lovelock, the Berlin Olympiad 1,500 Metres Champion, was educated at Timaru High School.)

Williams suffered a series of injuries at school, including a broken nose, broken finger and a double fracture of the collarbone. His right arm was badly crushed when it was caught in a machine. Over this period doctors had been trying to rid Williams of a spinal infection which threatened to paralyse his back. Ray treatment and continued exercise finally cured that.

He won National Junior track titles and records and the Junior cross-country title in 1951. Before this year's Senior cross-country victory, Williams had had two thirds and a second in the event. Last year, when he was third, he trained and raced against doctors' orders following the removal of a knee cartilage.

This year, after the removal of the same cartilage from the other knee, he again ignored doctors' orders, winning handsomely from one of the strongest fields in the history of the event.

His best Mile time, 4 minutes 10.4 seconds, has been bettered in New Zealand only by Halberg and Britain's Roger Bannister.

Williams' coach, the National Marathon Champion, Arthur Lydiard, whose target is also Melbourne, is confident that Williams will be seen in action at the Olympic Games.

## PREVIOUS BEST

Another athlete whose bid for Olympic selection is attracting attention is the 24-year-old walker, Norman Read. He recently started athletics enthusiasts by covering 50,000 Metres in 4 hours 30 minutes 40.5 seconds—or 18 seconds better than New Zealand's previous best.

Read, a carpenter, emigrated to New Zealand from Britain two years ago. He has held the British Junior five-mile walk record of 38 minutes 32 seconds since 1951.

The excellence of Read's 50,000 Metres performance can be seen when viewed against the Olympic record of 4 hours 28 minutes 7.8 seconds set by Italy's G. Dordani at Helsinki in 1952.

One of New Zealand's brightest prospects for an Olympic title is Donald Rowlands, the British Empire Games Sculling Champion, Auckland City British sportsman who saw him win at Vancouver in 1954 claimed that he

## SPOT ON THE PALM



Gloves with a spot in the palm were worn by trainer V. I. Ogurenkov at a training session by Russia's boxers in Joe Bloom's gymnasium, London, before the Britain versus Russia amateur boxing match held on October 12. The Russians won by eight matches to two.—Reuterphoto.

## Police Win 10-0 From Australian Ship

By "PAK LO"

On Wednesday evening on the Police ground at Boundary Street, the Policemen racked up one of their biggest scores to date when they overcame the Australian ship Condamine by 10 points (2 goals) to nil in an exciting struggle. Originally the Police were to play Pukaki, but the Navy switched teams due to pressure of work.

The first half was mainly a forward struggle with the Police winning the larger share of the scrums, and the Australians taking charge in the lineouts.

The Condamine's threequarters when they got going were by far the more dangerous and had the Police not tackled as they never have before Condamine would have emerged the victors.

Condamine's tackling was also hard and low and full many a Policeman bit the dust. In the second half the Australians saw more of the ball and their three line was sent off time and again, but the Policemen held them and eventually, forcing them back, they scored again.

The Police three seemed to be much happier with Lloyd in the scrum half position and Lelliot on the wing, while the pack, once more under the leadership of Shelley, were always a danger.

The game centred itself mainly between the two 25s until near the end of the first half the Police won a lineout, and the forwards took the ball, then sent it out to their three, and Marsh easily beat three men to score well out. Johnstone converted, 5-0.

Midway through the second half Shelley scored a very nice try when taking the ball from a loose scrum he kicked ahead, and, following up fast, gathered and scored directly under the posts. Johnstone found it no trouble to add the two extra points for the conversion, 10-0.

## OTHER GAMES

On the same day the RAF Mainland put out their second string against 27 Lt Bly. (Strangers), and left the field the victors by 14 points to 11 points.

As only three of the usual Mainland fifteen were there it was a fairly even game and the one outstanding player was Walters, the RAF hooker.

At present the RAF have three hookers to choose from and are giving each a chance before finally deciding on a permanent selection, but Walters should easily take pride of place.

I would class him as of about the same standard as Sleeman, last year's RAF and Colony hooker, and definitely a man to watch.

Finally, on the same day, Tamar drew with REME 3-3.

## MELBOURNE'S OLYMPIC VILLAGE WILL COST £1½ MILLION

Says WILLIAM FISH

Melbourne.

In the pleasant, tree-lined suburb of Heidelberg, seven miles from the centre of Melbourne, workmen are forging ahead of schedule on the £1,600,000 international village being built to accommodate 6,000 athletes and officials from 70 countries taking part in next year's Olympic Games here.

The village, a self-contained settlement of brick and concrete houses and flats, will most probably be complete by next June—five months before the Games begin.

It is Melbourne's answer to the critics (heard both in Australia and abroad) who said this city would never be ready in time for the Games.

The 1,500,000 citizens of Melbourne (and to a lesser extent Australians in every corner of this sports-loving country) have come to regard it as a matter of personal prestige that arrangements should be completed in good time for the Games.

## FACILITIES

Plans for making Melbourne's facilities superior to those offered in previous Olympic cities are the only topic local sportsmen consider worth discussing. Nearly £4 million is being spent on stadia, arenas, buildings, and accommodation for athletes.

Every house in the international village has its own bathroom and laundry. Rooms, which contain table wardrobes, and comfortable beds and chairs, will be shared by two athletes. Shops, banks, a canteen, post office and medical and dental centres are being built in the village and more than £16,000 has been spent on training fields, and landscaping. Adult trees 30 ft high are being transported to the site.

There will be eight kitchens, each catering for 600 sportsmen, and four smaller ones preparing food for 300. Chefs, including New Australians from most European countries, have been engaged to cook the athletes' national dishes to ensure they are not upset by unfamiliar diet.

One thousand eight hundred domestic servants, waiters, cooks, guards, telephonists, guides and drivers will staff the village. Nor is the all to ensure privacy for the athletes, the village will be surrounded by a man-proof fence which will be constantly patrolled.

The famous Melbourne Cricket Ground will become the main Olympic stadium. Bulldozers are already tearing up the pitch on which Larwood, Bradman and others gave some of their most brilliant displays. Grandstands have been enlarged, and 104,000 spectators will watch the Duke of Edinburgh open the Games.

At Olympic Park, a few hundred yards away, three new swimming arenas and an ultra-modern swimming stadium will accommodate 80,000 spectators.

## VISITORS

A National Arts Festival of drama, music, ballet and art, similar to the Edinburgh Festival, will be staged to coincide with the Games. Nearly 20,000 overseas visitors, including 10,000 from New Zealand.

### KCC TENNIS TEAM TO PLAY MACAO CLUB

The Civil Tennis Club of Macao will be sending a tennis team to Hongkong to play a series of friendly games against the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The team, which consists of six players, will be arriving tomorrow.

They will play two men's doubles matches and a mixed double, at Cox's Path on Sunday.

KCC's teams to meet Macao are as follows:

Men's "A": A. Augustad, N. Augustad, Cyril Kolewall, C. Oung, M. C. Hung and Norman Leonard.

Men's "B": K. Getz, C. Smith, E. C. Fincher, N. Oel, D. Coffey.

Ladies: Mrs Mary Pepperell, Mrs Getz, and Mrs Marie Ramchand or Mrs Liang.

There will be a dance at the KCC tomorrow evening commencing at 9 p.m. The Macao team has been invited.

### Sports Diary

## TODAY

Combined H. & East v Chinese Selection (CH), 6 p.m.

## TOMORROW

Cricket: HKAAA open meeting—first day—at Army ground, Boundary Street, 2.45 p.m.

1st Division: Army South v B. & C. C. C. (CH), 2.45 p.m. 2nd Division: Army South v B. & C. C. C. (CH), 2.45 p.m.

1st Division: South China v Police (CH), 2.45 p.m. 2nd Division: South China v Police (CH), 2.45 p.m.

3rd Division: Telephone v Solicitors, 2.45 p.m. 4th Division: Telephone v Solicitors, 2.45 p.m.

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### Drawing Of Stumps At 6.30 p.m.

As from tomorrow and until the end of the month, the time for drawing stumps in all League Cricket matches will be 6.30 p.m. This rule will stand until Summer Time ends.

### Final Acceptors For Jockey Club Cup

London, Oct. 20.

The final acceptors for the Jockey Club Cup, to be run over two miles two furlongs at Newmarket on Thursday, Oct. 27, were announced today. They are with weights:

Blister Sweet, Romany Air and Emulate Cordiale (all 9 st. 3 lbs), Prince Barle, Manastir, Moelp, Bay Viking, Weather Permitting and Bless You (all 8 st. 4 lbs).

DEWHURST STAKES

Thirteen final acceptors for the Dewhurst Stakes, to be run over seven furlongs at Newmarket on Thursday, Oct. 27, were also announced today with weights:

Facilitation (9 st. 3 lbs), Prince Moon and Castle Marling (both 8 st. 13 lbs), Atlas, Burkit, Timah, Duclan, Copperrsmith, Court Command, Roman Conquest, Leonardo da Vinci, the Drunken Sailor, and Tudor Era (all 8 st. 9 lbs) and Marlan-leigh (8 st. 9 lbs)—China Mail Special.

### 1956 WORLD MOTOR CYCLING CALENDAR

Paris, Oct. 20.

The 1956 World Motor Cycling Championships will be decided on results of nine Grand Prix events.

Dates and venues of these fixtures were decided today by the International Motor Cycling Congress here. They are as follows:

May 5-6 Spanish Grand Prix. May 27—French Grand Prix. June 4, 6, 8—Isle of Man T.T. June 30—Netherlands Grand Prix.

July 6—Belgian Grand Prix. July 22—German Grand Prix. August 9, 11—Ulster Grand Prix.

August 18, 19—Swiss Grand Prix. September 9—Italian Grand Prix. September 19—Holland Grand Prix. September 29—China Mail Special.

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# The Bet's A Beard Or Laziness

Wellington, Oct. 20.

More and more New Zealanders are  
growing beards of varied shapes and sizes.  
In the streets of the main cities, any of  
half a dozen styles, ranging from the goatee  
to the pointed Prince Albert model, can be  
spotted in a short time.

Like his Australian cousin,  
the average New Zealander is  
willing to gamble on anything,  
and it is true that many of the

"beavers" now appearing are the  
result of wagers.

Barbers, however, report that  
the majority of their bearded  
customers have stopped shaving,  
not because of any financial in-  
ducement, but from a desire to  
be "slightly different" from their  
fellows.

## Save Money

Then there is the man who  
grows a beard through sheer  
laziness. Barbers also have a  
fourth category into which they  
group their customers. These are  
the ones who grow their beards  
to save money on such luxuries  
as blades, brushes and soap.

Some barbers are not pleased  
with the resurgence of the beard  
because, they say, they are selling  
less toilet preparations and also  
having fewer hair-cutting jobs.  
The bearded character, how-  
ever, are letting their hair grow  
too.

Others say that a man who is  
proud of his beard—and most of  
them are—will have it trimmed  
regularly at least once a week.

One wife who has had to put  
up with a beard for more than  
a year, reported that even the  
family cat hissed at her husband  
for the first four months he had  
it. Commenting on the alleged  
Parisian saying that to kiss a  
beardless man is like beef with-  
out mustard, she declared:

## Hedgehog

"To kiss a bearded man is to  
kiss the mustard without the  
beef. And during the first few  
weeks a beard is growing you  
don't even have mustard or beef.  
You get pickled hedgehog."

Those who do not, or cannot,  
grow beards are apt to scoff that  
inferior types grow beards to  
attract more notice and hide  
their otherwise weak jaws. Such  
types, they say, think a beard  
adds to their stature and impos-  
ing appearance.

But whatever the reason—the  
beard is on its way back in New  
Zealand.—China Mail Special.

## Magistrate's Warning

Mr I. T. Morris, sitting at  
the Kowloon Juvenile Court  
this morning, warned that he  
will in future sentence to  
prison, any juvenile found  
guilty of committing a robbery.  
Mr Morris made the re-  
marks after sentencing four  
boys charged with robbery to  
various terms of punishment.  
He said: "Almost everyday  
there are reports in newspapers  
of inexcusable conduct on the  
part of young hoodlums who  
add considerably to the burden  
of work which already falls  
heavily on the shoulders of the  
under-staffed police force."

I have dealt very leniently up  
till now, but I warn others, who  
may be tempted to commit the  
same offence, that prison  
sentence will follow in the next  
case."

The four boys, two of whom  
are aged 15, one 13 and the  
fourth 16, were found guilty of  
robbing a man and a woman of  
a wrist watch and money  
amounting to \$2.70 at 3 1/2 mile  
stone Taiipo Road at 10.45 p.m.  
on October 15 this year.

The first defendant was to be  
sent to the Government Re-  
formatory Home in Maitaiwei Road  
for six months. The second  
and third defendants to be de-  
tained for three years in the  
Castle Peak Boys' Home. The  
fourth defendant was ordered  
three strokes of the cane and to  
be put on probation for one  
year.

## APPOINTMENTS

Mr A. W. Hircok, Chief  
Officer, has been appointed  
Acting Superintendent of Prisons,  
It was announced in the Govern-  
ment Gazette today.

It was also announced that  
Miss E. M. McGibbon, Senior  
Nursing Sister, has been ap-  
pointed Acting Matron Class II  
during the absence of Miss  
Brown. It was further an-  
nounced that Miss F. White has  
been appointed Acting Senior  
Sister Tutor, during the absence  
of Miss Thomson.

## JPs' ELECTION

The election of three Justices  
of the Peace to serve on the  
Licensing Board for three years  
will take place in the Council  
Chamber of the Urban Council  
on Monday, October 31 at  
4 p.m. It was announced in the  
Government Gazette today.  
The only persons entitled to  
vote at the election are the  
unofficial Justices of the Peace.  
Forms of nomination may be  
obtained from Central Magis-  
tracy.

## Wins "Miss World" Contest

London, Oct. 20.  
Miss Venezuela (Carmen  
Susana Dujum Zubillaga) was  
elected as "Miss World" in a  
beauty contest here today. Miss  
United States (Margaret Anne  
Haywood) was runner-up with  
Miss Greece (Julia Koumoundou-  
rou) in third place.  
Miss Cuba (Gilda Maria) was  
fourth and Miss Sweden (Anita  
Astrand) was fifth.  
Miss Ceylon, in a green and  
gold sari, Miss Finland and Miss  
Sweden were particularly ap-  
plauded by the audience.—  
France-Press.

## 17 YEARS A CRIPPLE



Triumphantly holding the  
cane without which she was  
formerly unable to walk, 14  
Rachele Pirovanti of Milan,  
Italy. A cripple for 17 years,  
she recently made a pilgrimage  
to the world famous shrine  
at Lourdes, France—and came  
back cured.—Express Photo.

## PUBLISHER DIES

Paris, Oct. 20.  
French book publisher Bern-  
ard Grasset died today at the  
age of 74.

M. Grasset founded his pub-  
lishing house before he was 30  
and was immediately successful.  
Between the two world wars, he  
published works by such writers  
as Andre Maurois, Francois  
Mauriac and Henri de Monther-  
lant.

After the liberation of France,  
he was convicted for his conduct  
during the German occupation  
and his business was closed down.  
Later, when he was retried,  
the charges were dropped and  
he started publishing again.—  
France-Press.

## New Vice-Consuls

H.E. the Governor has re-  
cognized Mr Thomas A. DeJart  
and Mr Lindsey Grant as Vice-  
Consuls for the United States of  
America at Hongkong. It was  
announced in the Government  
Gazette today. This recognition  
is provisional and pending in-  
structions from the Secretary of  
State for the Colonies.

# Black Market Rife In Persia FROM CAVIARE TO TELEPHONES

Teheran, Oct. 20.

City authorities here hope to knock the  
bottom out of a busy black market in telephones  
by importing 180,000 new instruments from  
Germany.

This will practically double the number of  
telephones in Iran and installation will begin later  
this year.

But Teheran householders  
who want to be able to dial  
their friends will still, how-  
ever, have to pay £100 for  
the privilege—although they  
may console themselves that if  
they bought one on the black  
market it would have cost them  
at least £200, and maybe more.

A chronic shortage of tele-  
phones has existed here ever  
since World War II. Before the  
war not many Persians bother-  
ed much about telephones.  
Ministries had some and busi-  
nessmen were beginning to  
realize their value but on the  
whole day-to-day affairs were  
conducted in the centuries-old  
clausura manner which made  
negotiations of every kind last  
as long as possible.

## Isolation Shaken

War, however, shook Persia  
out of her isolation and began  
to imprint the habits and bustle  
of Western life upon her social  
patterns and business methods.  
Money flowed from foreign  
Governments, the City became  
alive with foreign officials and  
troops. Masses of Western  
equipment poured into the  
country in the south, destined  
for the Soviet Union. The  
"telephone" revolution was  
soon in full swing and there-  
after Teheran and Persia were  
never quite the same.

Many of the people who ap-  
plied after the war for tele-  
phones are, however, still waiting  
for them. A telephone in a house  
is not only a social asset. It re-

presents hard cash to a landlord  
renting a house or a flat.  
Revolgers, especially, must—  
and do—pay £10 a month  
more rent for the privilege of  
having a telephone in their  
homes.

The black market grew up as  
a result of bargaining by  
businessmen and the like who  
had no telephone with those lucky  
few who were supplied with  
instruments by the Ministry of  
Posts and Telegraphs after  
official demands had been met.  
Businessmen without a telephone  
offered these people any-  
thing between £200 and £300  
to have the instrument trans-  
ferred to their building—in the  
owner's name.

This has led to the creation  
of a black market which every-  
one knows about but which is  
difficult to stamp out, because  
there is no law governing where  
a new telephone must be placed  
to have the apparatus installed.

Since the bottleneck is in  
numbers on the exchange board  
as well as in instruments, the  
thriving and expanding busi-  
ness section in central Teheran  
—which has numbers starting  
with 3—has to pay top black  
market prices for a telephone.  
It can presently get at least  
£225, or possibly more.  
Suburban numbers to the  
north of Teheran go for about  
£200 or perhaps a little less.

Recently the Government  
announced the purchase of 180-  
000 new instruments from  
Germany and told Teheran  
residents who wanted one to  
deposit 20,000 rials (£100)  
with the State Bank with their  
application form. In due course,  
as telephones become available,  
they will be hired out in the  
order of application.

On the first day, some 887  
householders applied and there-  
after 9,000 a week throughout  
September put their names  
down, and deposited cash at  
the bank.

Today, Teheran has 30,000  
private telephones.  
In a year from now, the  
authorities hope to double that  
number.

In the next five years, it is  
hoped to install 100,000 phones  
in the capital and dispose of  
the remaining 80,000 in the  
provinces, where the demand is  
much less.

The deposit from would-be  
telephone owners helps the  
Government to pay the Ger-  
man manufacturers and covers  
the cost of installation until  
such time as the Ministry it-  
self can afford to bear the  
burden. The deposit is return-  
able if a telephone is given up.

While the telephone black  
market is now well on the way  
to being smothered, however,  
Persia has other black markets  
in such oddly assorted goods  
as cement, caviare, whisky and  
playing cards.

## Two Factories

Only two small cement fac-  
tories, owned and operated by  
the Government exist to supply  
builders' needs, which have in-  
creased 20 times since the war.

The Government sells its  
cement to licensed builders at  
2,700 rials a ton (about £18).  
But the new man in the build-  
ing market, with no Govern-  
ment competition and no  
licence, has to pay 4,700 rials  
(£23) a ton by the time it  
reaches him, passing through  
several hands on the way.

New cement factories are  
planned and within a few  
years Government authorities  
hope to force the price down  
to 1,000 rials (£5) a ton or  
less.

Caviare is a valuable export  
item and brings dollars into  
Persia's near-empty exchequer.  
More and more is going abroad  
and by-passing the local mar-  
ket. That is why enterprising  
night fishermen on the Caspian  
coast raid the Government's  
sturgeon hatcheries in rivers  
along the sea shore, and take  
the caviare from the sturgeon  
themselves.

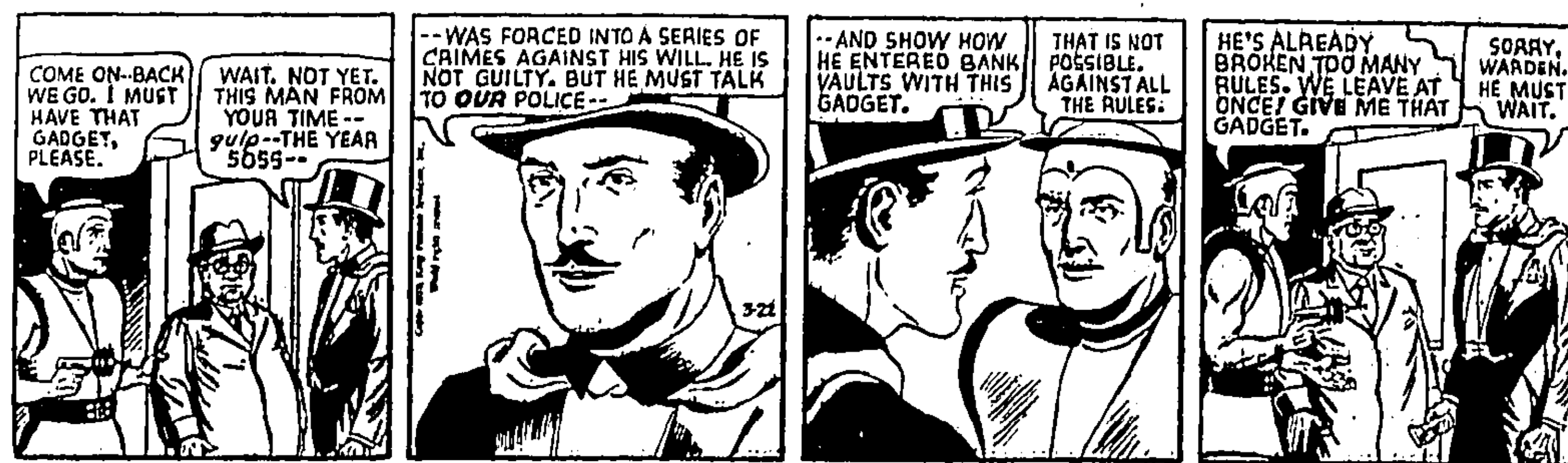
Their loot is sent post-haste  
to Teheran (caviare goes bad)  
and hawked from door to door  
at prices almost half the  
official price of £5 a lb.

Officially, imports of such  
foreign drinks as whisky are  
prohibited, but the local  
vodka and wine industries

Nevertheless, scores of shops,  
chiefly owned by Armenians,  
stock shelf upon shelf of foreign  
drinks of every description at  
prices which rarely fall below  
£5 a bottle.—China Mail Special.

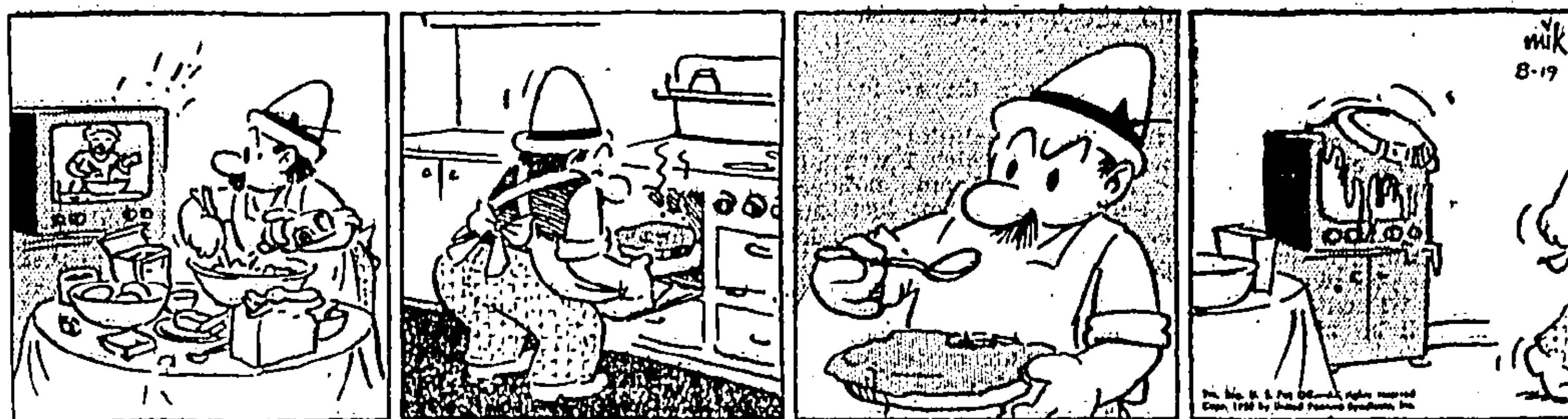
## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Leo Falk and Phil Davis



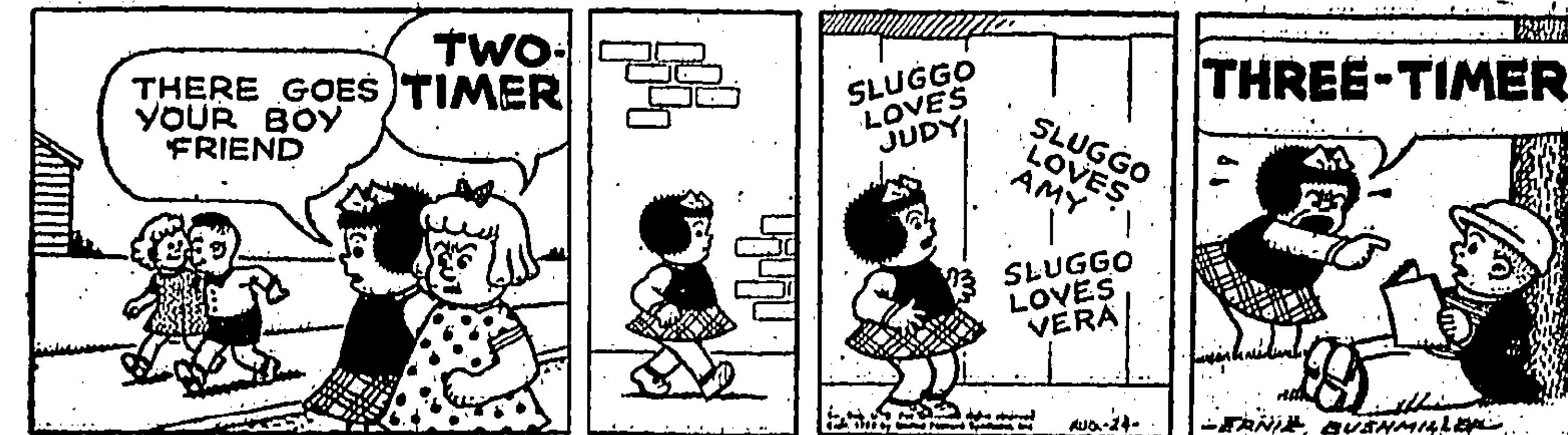
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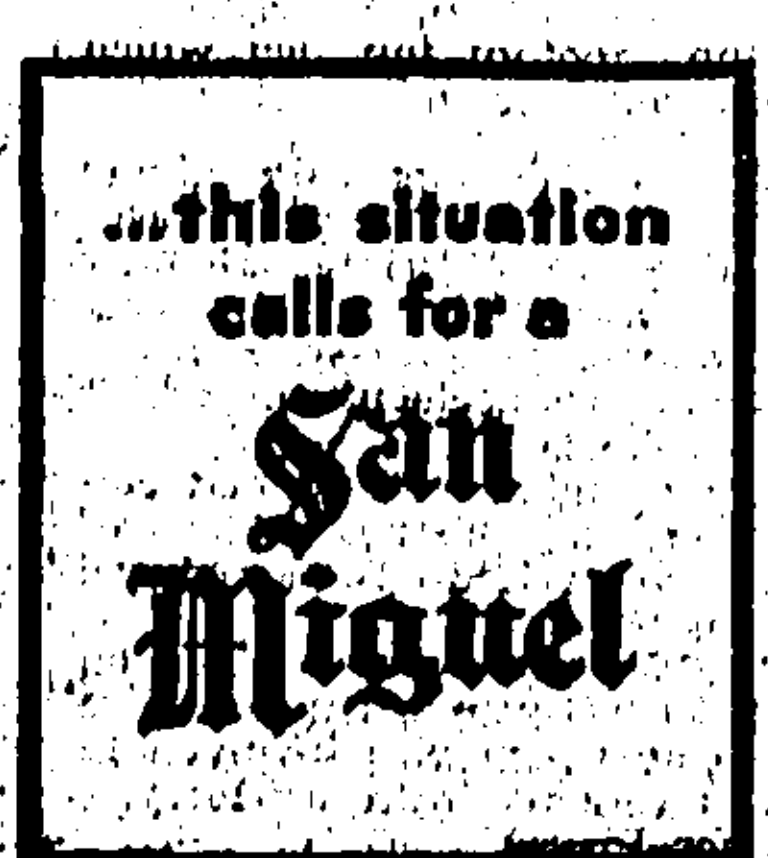
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# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, Oct. 20. Cotton futures moved irregularly in a slow session today.

Spot house buying and covering bolstered the nearby December delivery while the later deliveries back-tracked gradually under scattered hedge selling and liquidation.

Ring observers thought the volume probably was the smallest since the spurt of activity following the government crop report ten days ago.

Buying of December was thought to be mill covering against textile orders or export commitments to Korea. Other traders covered following the recent reduction in the stock of certificated cotton available for contract delivery.

The Commodity Credit Corporation reported production entries under the loan programme for the week ended Oct. 14 totalled 243,780 bales, largest amount since the season started on August 1. The net stock of 1955 crop cotton in government hands totalled 707,464 bales plus 1,655,232 bales from the 1954 loan programme.

Some traders thought between five and six million bales may go into the loan this season. At the close, December ruled 14 points higher while the rest of the list was off 8 to 18 points. The market opened up \$1 to off 8 points. New Orleans closed up 8 to off 18 points.

Trading volume and open interest in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
October	44,100	2,500
December	32,000	62,000
March	20,400	32,000
May	20,400	53,000
July	20,400	27,000
September	12,000	12,000
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### SPECIAL MESSENGER

THE club porter issued in lordly style from the lordly club's revolving doors. He looked around him. No members were coming in, none going out. "Hey there! Charlebooy," he called.

A sandy-haired man, whose eyebrows stood out above his eyes, like sentries' challenges, shuffled up from somewhere among the cars parked outside.

"Here's another to post, Charlebooy," the porter said to the man with the eyebrows, and handed him a registered letter.

The porter retired decorously into the club, and Charlie marched off in the general direction of the post office.

**TIME BUILDS UP**

HE had often helped out the club porter by doing similar errands, to everyone's satisfaction. This assignment, however, happened to coincide with a time when Charlie, who looked after club members' cars on a free-lance, unofficial basis, was particularly short of money. Instead of taking the registered letter to the post office, therefore, he opened it and helped himself to the £5 11s 10d it contained.

Charlie moved after that to another part of the West End, and earned what he could by casual work. Time seemed to build up nicely in his favour. His crime had been committed.

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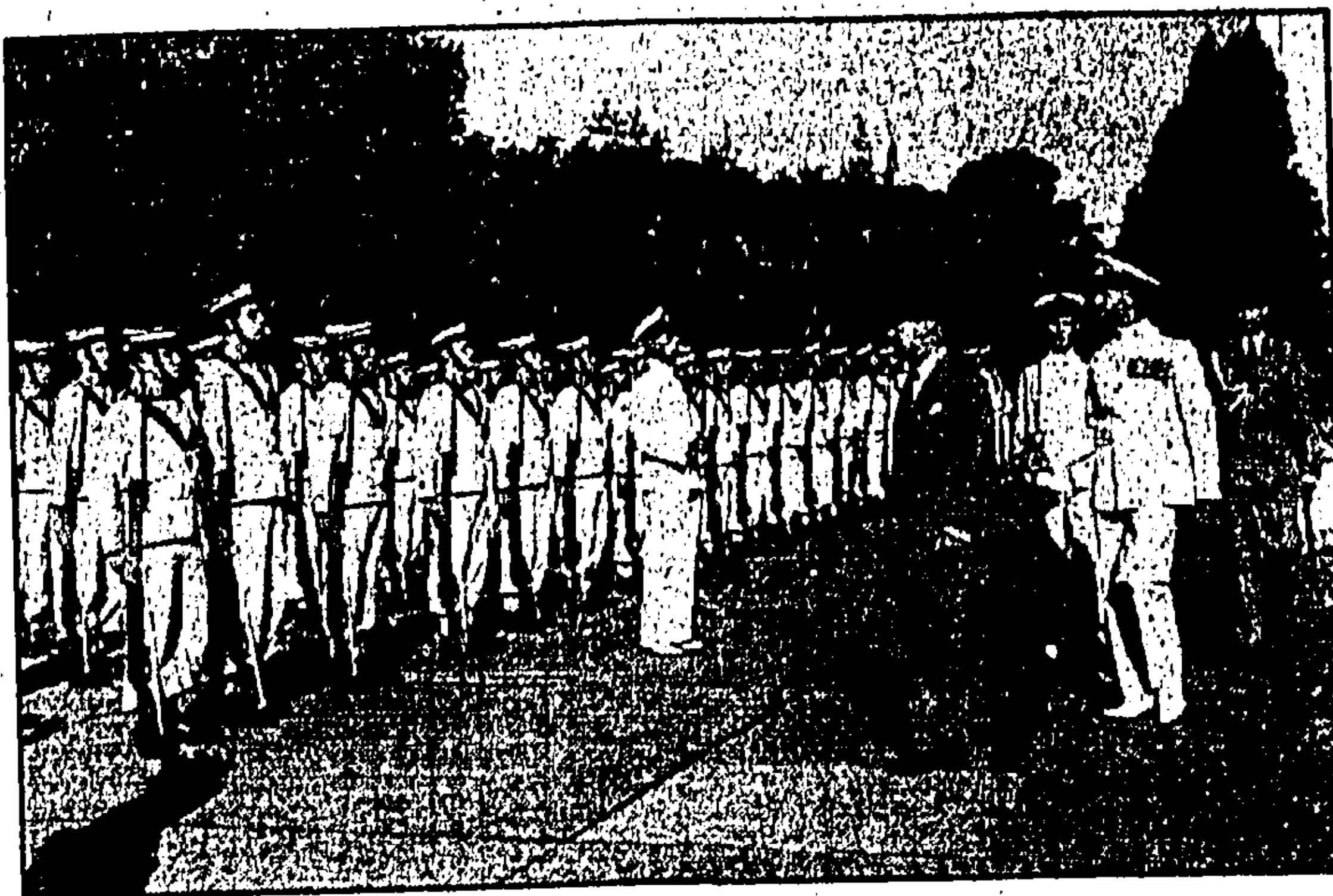
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## TRAFALGAR DAY CEREMONY



The Royal Navy this morning mounted a full guard of honour at Government House, marking the anniversary of Trafalgar Day. Picture above shows His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, inspecting the guard of honour.—Staff Photographer.

## UNIQUE DAY FOR ROYAL NAVY AND HKRNVR

Long silvered bayonets of the Royal Navy and Hongkong RNVR look over from the "pen-knives and screw-drivers" of the Army at Government House this morning.

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Vice-Admiral Nelson's victory at Trafalgar, men of the Royal Navy joined the HK RNVR guard, and are doing duty at Government House for the first time in the history of the Colony.

The Guard is composed of two sections—48 men of the Royal Navy, and 48 men of the HKRNVR, representing the two 48 gun broadsides of Nelson's 96 gun three masted flag-ship the Victory.

At the main entrance to HMS Tamar, a model of the HMS Victory built by Chinese craftsmen, a ten foot dinghy, stands on the roof of a building.

The model is dressed with flags of Nelson's Order of the Day—England Expects That Every Man Will Do His Duty.

The Order runs on the Main, Fore, and Mizzen masts in groups of three flags for each of the first eight words, and "Duty", for which there was no Naval signal, spell out the Starboard and Port sides of the Fore-mast and the Mizzen.

**FATE UNDECIDED**

The fate of the model, which was made for today's celebration, is still undecided. It was built around a condemned dinghy which could be used or so the model as originally intended. And ceiling runs strongly in the Navy to keep a model in which the Chinese craftsmen have far exceeded their original orders in the detail and thoroughness of their work.

Up till the time of going to press, no order had been received from England to "splice the main brace"—but it is expected that the difference of nine hours between our summer time and the winter

**Nolle Prosequi Entered**

A nolle prosequi in respect of a charge of robbery with

aggravation against three of four accused was entered by Mr. Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, when the four accused were arraigned before Mr. Justice A. D. Scholes Acting Puisne Judge at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The four accused were Chan Chung-wah, alias Shanghai Chan; Nip Wah-chi, alias Luk Chai, alias Nip Chiu; Lee Tak, alias Ng Tak Chung; and Chan Shui-chung, alias Chung Chai.

All four accused were charged with one count of robbery with aggravation, in which they were alleged to have robbed Cheung Pak-heo of a wrist watch and \$4 on June 22. They pleaded not guilty.

The first three accused were discharged on a second charge of robbery with aggravation, in respect of which the Crown had entered a nolle prosequi.

The second accused was represented by Mr. Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr. Peter Mo.

time in England was responsible for the delay. The Navy may receive the order in time to carry it out tomorrow.

All RN ships as well as visiting United States and Portuguese warships in the harbour were dressed overall today.

**CHAPEL SERVICE**

At the small chapel in HMS Tamar, the Rev. Julian Newman conducted Matins and preached on Nelson's prayers in the early hours of Trafalgar Day before the battle.

The prayer, he said, were not a cry of desperation and despair, but a genuine and sincere prayer with a keynote of humility and dependence, stemming from the tempestuous life of Lord Nelson.

The British Navy was desperately in need, he said, of Lord Nelson's sense of dependence today.

Lord Nelson interrupted by a messenger during his prayers in the early hours, said:

May the Great God whom I worship grant to my Country, and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious Victory; and may no misconduct in any one tarnish it, and may humanity after Victory be the predominant feature of the British Fleet.

For myself, individually, I commit my life to Him who made me, and may His blessing rest on my endeavours for serving my Country faithfully. To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend.

**SALUTE FIRED**

At noon today a Vice-Admiral's salute of 15 guns was fired simultaneously by HMS Alert in Port Shelter, by HMS Tamar, and aboard HMS Newfoundland.

The firing was timed by a softly spoken signaller whispering into a powerful microphone at the Combined Headquarters Signals Room.

At the jetty of HMS Tamar, the salute was accompanied by a parade and display of members of the C-in-C's band. Following the Vice-Admiral's salute of gunfire, the band played "Rule Britannia".

Upper decks of all HM Ships were cleared for the salute of all men other than officers, ratings and handsman taking part in parades accompanying the salute.

**Appointed Administrator**

A petition by Mr. J. T. Prior, of Wilkinson and Grist, for appointment as administrator of the estate of George Fish, late of "Daisyfield", Tai Po Kiu, was granted by Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg at the Supreme Court this morning.

Chief among the diners and receptions tonight will be the Trafalgar Day Dinner at HMS Tamar, when the toast to the memory of Vice-Admiral Nelson will be proposed by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

The Governor also inspected the Naval Guard this morning, when the Navy relieved a guard provided by the North Staffordshire Regiment.

The Guard Commander was Lt. F. J. Skilton RN, and the pride of place, the first section to go on duty, was taken by the HKRNVR Section, P/O D. P. Ingle, Leading Seaman Henry Li, AB Chen Sun-fat, AB Koo Tai-man, and AB Hui Tai-wai.

**Information Requested**

A request to persons on whom "any honour or decoration has been conferred" to send details of the award to the Librarian, Colonial Secretariat, was published in the Government Gazette today.

These persons should state the year in which the award was conferred and give their full names. The details should be sent in by November 15 this year.

The awards for which details are required include all orders and decorations, medals for gallantry and distinguished service, and medals for meritorious conduct. Details of war medals, jubilee or coronations' medals, and long service medals are not required.

**WHY FRIGATE LEFT**

One of the frigates in harbour this morning suddenly lowered all the bunting hoisted in observance of Trafalgar Day, cast off, and headed for Lyemum Pass.

Within minutes, members of the public were calling up the China Mail asking the reason for the ship's sudden departure.

The ship was the HMS Alert, a frigate, which sailed on a pre-arranged exercise, related the Naval Authorities.

## New Regulations For Building In HK

The Government Gazette today published for general information the draft of the Building Regulations, 1955. They have not yet been approved for enactment.

The regulations cover administration, planning and construction, and the explanatory note relating to planning and construction follows:

Regulation 4 prohibits buildings being so constructed that they create a nuisance on streets, whether by way of obstructions or from exhaust vents; this regulation expands the provision of section 47 of the former Ordinance. Regulation 5 requires places section 74 of that Ordinance, follows on by giving the Building Authority discretionary powers to require the provision of an access lane on the side of any new building which is likely to be necessary for the disposal of refuse.

Section 22 of the Building Ordinance, 1900, prohibits all projections over streets save those exempted by the Building Authority; the regulations in this Part set out the limitations under which such exemptions may be granted. Formerly projections could be constructed with the consent of the Governor in Council who could impose conditions (section 43 of the former Ordinance).

Now, if any applications for the erection of verandahs have been made in the past, they are now prohibited altogether on streets by regulation 22, which also prohibits the use of pedestrian traffic, and the view of drivers, which is considered unsafe.

### PREVENTION

Regulation 9 and 10 designed to prevent balconies and canopies from obstructing footpaths and restricting the natural light available in the streets. Balconies are not permitted on streets less than 30 feet wide because the footpaths which a street would normally be set back under regulation 11. The latter provision is less restrictive than that under section 50 of the former Ordinance which forbade the erection of balconies exceeding the width of the street over which the balconies are intended to project. Wherever balconies are permitted, balconies over streets must have parapets and may have enclosed sides, regulation 14 prohibits their use as a factory, bathroom, etc. Enclosure of balconies for the purpose of office accommodation is dealt with under temporary provisions in the Building Ordinance (section 32).

Regulation 11 requires doors, which require doors, windows, etc. which open over streets to be placed at least eight feet above the ground. A particular example on the general prohibition under regulation 14 is a balcony which is not a balcony, however, requires that emergency exit doors should open outwards over streets and this is permitted.

### HEIGHTS

The provisions concerning heights of buildings in the former Ordinance (sections 17 and 18) dealt with the vertical height of the main wall and by means of an angle of set-back. The effect of this was to establish a rigid building profile which to a very great extent dictated the design of every building. Regulation 17 permits the main vertical height of the main wall to be twice the width of the street on which it abuts as against the 1 1/2 times the width of the street permitted under the former Ordinance. Above this height the main walls are required to be set back within an angle of 70° with the horizontal (regulation 18) as against 60° permitted under the former Ordinance, which also provided that the total height of the building was limited to twice the width of the street on which it abuts. The restrictions were greater.

As well as the limitation on heights of main walls and on volumes, every domestic building is required to be provided with open space within the lot of such building. (Regulation 22). It is not ground space so much as open space which is intended to be provided by this regulation. Thus, since the space must be provided at a level of 6' below the lowest storey of the domestic building, a building could cover the whole of the site at ground level with the premises of a non-domestic nature and become a domestic building as long as the third storey, provided it complied with this requirement as to open space, was not less than 12' high.

### OPEN SPACE

Within the building, lower heights of ceilings are permitted under regulation 23. The present heights have been determined after consideration of the information, with special reference to Hongkong, received from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, which goes to show that the height of a room is of great importance and that ceilings and roofs are properly constructed, lower ceilings are not necessary to effect the health of the occupant.

The provisions in this Part expand section 32 of the former Ordinance. They are concerned with the use of land for building, with special provisions for houses and other buildings (regulations 24 and 25). Under regulation 24, every room in such a building is required to be lighted and ventilated

by a window opening into the external air, which is defined in regulation 2 and, by that definition, must be opened to the sky and have a horizontal area of at least 120 square feet. The regulation goes on to prescribe in detail the specifications of a window which will be considered as adequate to give this lighting and ventilation, for example, paragraph (3) deals with the case of a window situated in a wall of a building and, since this affects primarily the light, the provision is more stringent in the case of buildings used for habitation than in the case of an office building.

### STAIRCASES AND FIRE ESCAPES

The provisions of this Part which replace and expand sections 23 and 24 of the former Ordinance, are designed to ensure that occupants may escape safely from buildings in case of fire. Where a building exceeds two storeys the main staircase is required to be constructed for the whole height of materials capable of resisting the action of fire for one hour, and where it exceeds four storeys its main staircase is required to give access to the roof unless a secondary staircase or fire escape is provided. (Regulations 34 and 35). Where the building exceeds six storeys, regulation 31 requires the provision of an alternative means of escape in addition to the main staircase. Under the former Ordinance this additional means of escape was required in an building with a floor level at a height of more than 35 feet; this easing of restrictions is explained partly by the fact that combustible materials used in buildings today, and by the greater heights which can be reached by ladders on modern fire appliances.

Regulation 36 provides that in any building intended for separate occupation by more than two tenants, the common staircase and landings shall be constructed to resist the action of fire for more than one hour. Regulation 37 provides that in every building intended for habitation or as a school, or as a place of public assembly, there shall be no place more than 90 feet from the staircase or other means of exit.

### DOMESTIC BUILDINGS

In this Part are gathered together the subjects which are particularly relevant to domestic buildings: kitchens, retaining walls and dangerous structures. Regulation 38 deals with the special class of domestic buildings known as tenement houses. Regulation 39 deals with buildings with kitchens in domestic buildings generally, replaces section 54 of the former Ordinance. Regulation 40 replaces and expands the provisions of section 13 of the former Ordinance, which required that buildings of 15 feet high to form part of domestic buildings subject to certain special requirements. The intention of these provisions is to eliminate waste in the use of land and space, and to give architects greater freedom in design and possibly reduce building costs. The provisions of this Part for domestic purposes of a building in which are carried on any of the dangerous trades here defined, the Building Authority is, however, permitted to grant exemption, and

prescribe such requirements as he sees fit.

Tenement houses create a special problem for the designer, largely on account of their narrow frontages (usually only 15 feet), their great depth and high density of occupation. To avoid the general minimum requirements of these regulations from being unduly restrictive, tenement houses are treated separately in regulation 42. The principal concern of these provisions is to ensure adequate light and air, and kitchen accommodation; in all other matters tenement houses must comply with the general regulations.

## Radio Hongkong

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Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.03, Stock Market Report; 6.09, Valerio presents a programme for Children (Studio); 6.30, Popular Song Parade; 7. Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 7.09, Commentary (London Relay) or special announcements; 7.15, Portrait of a Hero. A Personal Sketch of Lord Nelson written for Radio by Charles Part. Produced by Timothy Birch. (Recorded); 7.25, Minute of the Hour; 7.30, The Evening of the National Memorial Statue of the Late Majesty King George VI by Her Majesty The Queen (London Relay); 7.35, Music from Northern Ireland presented by Aileen Dekker (Studio); 8.20, Take it from Here. Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards with Wallis Eaton, Alma Coran, June Whitfield (BBC7); 8.30, America by Alistair Cooke (Recorded London Relay); 10.30, Come into the Parlour (Studio); 10.45, The World Report; 11. Time Signal, Radio News Hour (London Relay); 11.30, Interlude; 11.35, The Motor Show 1955. A Microphone Tour of this year's show (London Relay); 11.45, London (London Relay); God Save the Queen; 11.45, Close Down.

## REDIFFUSION

4.30 p.m., Sammy Kaye Show—featuring the Kaydets; 4.45, Dozier on Dumetius; 5. Children's Corner—conducted by L. A. L. (Studio); 5.30, Friday Requiem—presented by Betty; 5.35, Bishay Matings; 6.30, Record Parade—latest releases—recorded by Rediffusion; 7. Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 7.09, Whether Bepo, the House of Commons and the House of Lords; 7.15, Organist; 7.20, Cade Time—starting Eddie Fisher; 7.30, Personality Parade—Grace Fields; 8.15, Pauline Kennedy—concert; 8.30, The Unveiling of the Memorial Statue of the Late Majesty King George VI by H.M. The Queen; 8.35, Music for you; 8.40, Take it from Here—Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards with Wallis Eaton, Alma Coran, June Whitfield (BBC7); 8.50, The Canadian Pacific Airline; 9.05, Vancouver, B.C., Canada; 10.15, Melodius; 10.30, The Scavenger Hunt; 10.45, Starting Marius Goring; 11.05, Midnight—starting the concert; 11.15, Midnight in popular; 11.30, The Queen; Close Down.

H.E. the Governor has appointed the Director of Audit to be an auditor of the Brevin Trust Fund Accounts, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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